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Iraq-Iran Conflict

Military Situation--Iran has admitted that Iraqi forces have made inroads into Iranian territory. A Joint Staff statement carried by Tehran radio reported that as a "result of the Iraqi Army's invasion," a "few Iranian border posts" in the Khan-Leyli and Salehabad regions have come under Iraqi control and that Iranian forces in Qasr-e Shirin and Mehran "are busy stopping the enemy's penetration" and in Khuzestan are engaging in "intense fighting" around Salamcheh. The Joint Staff also said that there has been a "resolute defense" against Iraqi units attacking in the Dehloran region. Monitored Iranian media have not confirmed Iraqi claims of the capture of Sumar and Qasr-e Shirin on 23 September and most recently of the fall of Mehran, which was reported by the Iraqi General Command in a statement on 24 September that was carried by Baghdad radio's Voice of the Masses. Tehran radio did however, imply Iranian concern over the situation, saying that the Iranian Armed Forces have "forsaken their defensive posture and are responding to aggression with aggression." Iranian leaders had previously implied that Iran would not go on the attack unless absolutely necessary.

Further statements issued by the Iranian Joint Staff, broadcast by both Tehran radio's domestic and Arabic services, reported Iraqi air raids on Dezful, Tabriz, Kermanshah, the Abadan oil refinery, the port facilities of Khorramshahr and Bandar Khomeyni, and Khark Island--the first such reported bombing of Iran's major depot for the export of oil. The joint staff gave no details on the damage done to facilities on Khark Island, saying only that three Iraqi MiG's were downed in the raid. The joint staff also reported that Iranian aircraft have bombed military installations in Basra and Kut Shu'aybah.

Iraqi General Command communiques have claimed that Iranian planes have hit residential areas and economic installations in Baghdad, Irbil, Kirkuk and Mosul. In addition to the fall of Mehran, the Iraqi military has also claimed a naval victory in which two Iranian frigates and seven gunboats were sunk. According to INA, Iraqi units are continuing to advance on Khorramshahr, sustaining "almost no losses," and have called on the city to surrender. Both sides have reported the downing of significant numbers of enemy aircraft.

In a news conference reported by AFP, Iraqi Defense Minister 'Adnan Khayrallah Talfah said that the "majority" of Iraq's 240,000-man army is engaged against Iran but that "substantial" forces are being held in reserve. Talfah said Iraq will continue to strike at Iran's "vital interests" until Tehran meets Baghdad's main aims, one of which is "full sovereignty" over the Shatt al-'Arab. The defense minister also noted that Iraq has not asked the Soviet Union for more arms and that there is no Soviet arms offer pending.

Monitored Iraqi media have not specifically confirmed Western reports, citing Baghdad radio, that an Iraqi spokesman has laid down three conditions for an end to hostilities: respect for Iraqi sovereignty over border territories; recognition of Iraqi sovereignty over the Shatt al-'Arab; and the return of the three islands--Bu Musa and the Greater and Lesser Tunb-e Islands--seized by Iran in 1971. In a statement to AFP, Iranian presidential adviser Ahmad Salamatian declared that there could be "no question of a cease-fire" while Baghdad's position on the Shatt al-'Arab remained unchanged.

Iranian Leaders' Statements--President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr has warned the United States and the Soviet Union to stay out of the Iranian-Iraqi conflict. In a 23 September press conference, reported by Tehran radio the next day, Bani-Sadr said he has received notes from both countries declaring "their hands clean and free" from any violation and claiming that "they are no way involved." However, the president stated that "issuing notes is one thing and action is something different." He affirmed that Iran has "no doubt" that the "great and semigreat powers" are assisting Iraq. According to Bani-Sadr, Iraq has "definitely lost its military capability" and will not be able to carry on the fight without the help of the "dependent countries or superpowers." Thus, the president concluded that if Iraq "shows any signs of military capability, it will prove that others have definitely assisted it."

Speaking directly to the Soviet Union, Bani-Sadr said: "Your assistance to the aggressive Iraq is proof of your enmity towards us, and our future generations will never forget this."

Tehran radio's Arabic service reported on a meeting held by President Bani-Sadr and Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i with the ambassadors of a number of Islamic countries. During the meeting Bani-Sadr admitted that Iraq has proposed talks to solve the problems between the two countries, but he said that Iran has refused to cooperate unless Iraq stops aiding "sabotage groups," ceases its "intervention in Kordestan affairs" and ends its border attacks. The president said that Iran views the Iraqi aggression as a "wide-scale plot aimed at toppling the Islamic Republic of Iran" and that, in responding to this aggression, it has taken three things into consideration: the likelihood that prolonged fighting will encourage Israel to "intensify pressure" to expand its borders; the fact that this is not a "racist" war of non-Arabs against Arabs as Iraq claims but a confrontation between the superpowers and a revolution; and the fact that such a wide-scale confrontation serves to deplete military hardware originally intended to be used against Israel.

At the same meeting, Prime Minister Raja'i told the Islamic envoys that Iran "expects you to stand in the face of this aggression" in accordance with "Islamic solidarity" and respect for recognized national "rights." Raja'i accused the United States of "colluding" with Iraq in its attack on Iran and said that Iraqi success would pave the way for the "return and settlement of the superpowers in this area." He added that Iraq has taken no "political or human initiative" to solve the dispute.

Ayatollah Khomeyni, in an address to the Iraqi Army and people carried by Tehran radio, asked the Iraqi nation to topple the Saddam Husayn government with much the same tactics that he used to overthrow the shah. He urged the people to begin "obstruction wherever you can" and the workers to "show their service to dear Islam" by "strikes and opposition." He also called on the Iraqis to refrain from paying taxes and utility bills and to "condemn the action of the Iraqi criminals by staging marches in their millions." Khomeyni warned the Iraqis that the Iranian nation is in a state of "full alert" and will "smash the opponents of Islam by a general mobilization when it is necessary."

Mediation Efforts, Arab Reaction--INA reported that PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat arrived in Baghdad on 24 September and met with Saddam Husayn. The Iraqi agency made no mention of mediation, saying only that the two discussed "developments on the eastern border" and Iraqi victories over the "aggressive Persians." According to AFP, 'Arafat intends to go on to Tehran from Baghdad to pursue mediation efforts. Damascus radio reported that President Hafiz al-Asad had discussed with Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid the "possibility of some Arab states exerting efforts to end this fighting."

Rabat radio carried a message from Moroccan King Hassan, acting on behalf of the Jerusalem committee, to Saddam Husayn and Bani-Sadr expressing "deep sorrow and great concern" over the fighting between the two countries and saying that any division in Muslim ranks constitutes a "suicidal action" in the face of Islam's true enemy. The radio also reported, however, that the king told the Iraqi ambassador in Morocco that his country stands by Iraq "heart and soul, materially, morally and militarily." According to KUNA, the Iranian Embassy in Beirut has accused the Lebanese Government of being "fully biased in favor of Iraq." Iraqi Interior Minister Sa'dun Shakir, in a statement to ALIF BA' magazine reported by INA, accused the Syrians of putting "all their expertise at the service of the racist Persian regime in order to plot against Iraq."

In a further demonstration of Jordan's support for Iraq, Prime Minister Mudar Badran showed up in Baghdad on a "brief visit" and, according to INA, affirmed his country's readiness to back Iraq in its "successive victories over the Magian enemies." On the other hand, Qatar and the PDRY have appealed for a peaceful resolution of the conflict. According to Doha radio, Qatari Information Minister 'Isa Ghanim al-Kuwari said Muslim energy should be reserved for opposition to the common enemy and no opportunity should be created for foreign intervention. The ADEN NEWS AGENCY, in a commentary carried by Aden radio, said the fighting serves only the "imperialist, Zionist and reactionary forces" and "squanders" the two people's energies.

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KARMAL RECEIVES WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH LEADERS

LD242130 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee, chairman of the Revolution Council and prime minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA], received today in the Gol Khanah Palace some democratic youth organization delegation leaders from various countries who have come to Kabul to take part in the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan [DYOA] Congress and to show solidarity with revolutionary Afghanistan. At this meeting representatives welcomed Karmal's entry into Gol Khanah Palace with revolutionary fervor and solidarity.

Babrak Karmal began his speech by talking of the solidarity of the WFDY with the Afghan people's revolution and struggle and of the young people's role in this week of solidarity in defense of peace, democracy, [word indistinct] and the struggle against war, oppression and (?hegemonism) in order to create a prosperous life and a bright future for mankind. He also expressed satisfaction at his meeting with the WFDY representatives.

Later Babrak Karmal spoke in a detailed and comprehensive manner on the situation in the country before and after the development stage of the Sawr Revolution, and he condemned the conspiracy of imperialism led by U.S. imperialism. He also spoke of the political, economic and social policies and initiatives of the PDPA and the DRA Government.

Babrak Karmal expressed appreciation of the worth of the DYOA as the country's and party's treasure and as a source of active and assured assistance. He also threw light on the 5 years of the DYOA's establishment and its history of struggle.

Finally, Boris Nikolayevich Pastukhov, member of the CPSU Central Committee and first secretary of the Komsomol, thanked Babrak Karmal on Behalf of the WFDY for receiving the representatives of the World Democratic Youth and expressed his full support for the Sawr Revolution's objectives and against reaction and imperialism vis-a-vis the Afghan people in the proud and historic struggle. He wished the DYOA great successes under PDPA leadership. The meeting ended in an atmosphere of sincerity, cordiality and revolutionary fervor.

TRADE UNIONS CENTRAL COMMITTEE HOLDS PLENUM

LD202116 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 20 Sep 80

[Text] The second plenum of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Unions was inaugurated today with a speech by Nur Ahmad Nur, member of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee Politburo and member of the PDPA Central Committee Secretariat at Union headquarters.

In addition to the members of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Unions the following people also participated in the plenum: Abdol Wakil, minister of finance; Dr Habib Mangal, member of the PDPA Central Committee, member of the Revolution Council and deputy director of the Organization Department of the Party Central Committee social affairs organization; Eng Mohammad Esma'il Danesh, minister of mines and industries; Borhan Ghiasi, first secretary of the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan; and Soraya, president of the Democratic Women's Organization of Afghanistan.

At the beginning of the second plenum of the Central Committee of Afghan Trade Unions, after the agenda of the meeting was read and the presiding committee was elected, Nur Ahmad Nur conveyed to the audience the congratulatory message of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, chairman of the Revolutionary Council and prime minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, on the occasion of the celebration of the second plenum of the Central Committee of Afghan Trade Unions. He then gave a detailed account of the duties of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Unions in implementing the PDPA Central Committee Politburo's resolutions.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that the chairman of the Balkh Province Union, the chairman of the Union of Kabul Customs, the chairman of the Union of Roads of the Technical Department of the Ministry of Public Works, the chairman of the Union of Irrigation Projects of Parvan Province and one of the workers of the [name indistinct] factory spoke in relation to the report of Nur Ahmad Nur and evaluated it as a good guide for the work of the Central Committee and the trade unions. Satar Pordali, general director of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Unions, also spoke on the duties and activities of the unions.

During the second plenum of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Unions, policies regarding the construction of the [word indistinct], membership in the union and the membership fees and identity cards of members were discussed. Decisions on these subjects were voted on and approved unanimously.

The general director of the Afghan trade unions proposed and recommended five members of the union who have proved capable in their relevant duties for new posts. They were unanimously confirmed by the plenum: Hasan Sepahi, as secretary of the Central Committee, chairman of the organization and member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Unions. Razeq, as member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Unions; Eng Karim, director of Pol-e Khomri textile mill, as member of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Unions representing Baghlan Province; Gholam ('Ali Rahiq), as supervising chairman and controller of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Unions; and Eng [name indistinct] director of the power and chemical fertilizer factory as member of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Union representing Balkh Province.

The resolution of the Second Plenum of the Afghan Trade Union's Central Committee was read at the end of the plenum. It was voted on and was approved unanimously. A source of the Central Committee of the Afghan Trade Unions said: The work of the second plenum of the Afghan Trade Unions Central Committee continues.

USSR TO BUILD KABUL SOCIAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE

LD232108 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] An agreement concerning the construction of the premises housing the Social Sciences Institute of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee was signed between the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the USSR this morning at the PDPA Central Committee headquarters, when the relevant documents were exchanged.

The agreement was signed by Dr Saleh Mohammad Ziray, secretary and member of the PDPA Central Committee, and the Soviet Embassy's economic advisor in Kabul (Anatoliy Isotovich Chigonov). The signing of the agreement was attended by Nur Ahmad Nur, secretary and member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo, and a number of the heads of departments and staff of the departments of the PDPA Central Committee and some members of the USSR Embassy in Kabul.

In accordance with this agreement the buildings of the institute, which will be constructed from an aid grant from the friendly country, the USSR, will include a domitory for 300 persons, as well as classrooms, conference and athletic halls, a library, and residential quarters for teachers and [words indistinct].

PARTY YOUTHS LEAVE HOMES TO FIGHT REBELS

Faryab Province Youth

LD181506 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 18 Sep 80

[Text] A large number of Faryab Province party youths went today to the battlefield against the rebels--these foreign servants who are disturbing the atmosphere of peace and security of the noble people of that province.

Before the departure of these fighting and patriotic youth a few of the elders spoke about the protection of the sacred soil and the objectives of the Sawr Revolution, condemning international imperialism, Chinese chauvinism and the militarist groups of Pakistan, who are engaging in terror and murder in our beloved country, and they wished the patriotic youth successes in eliminating them.

Andkhvoy District Youth

LD201848 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 20 Sep 80

[Text] A number of the fighting youths of the Andkhvoy District in Faryab Province, for the purpose of implementing the resolutions of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee's Third Plenum, left for the battlefield to eliminate and punish the rebels. The BAKHTAR correspondent reports from the city of Meymaneh that before the departure of these keepers of the revolution, a meeting was held by the people of Andkhvoy in the municipality hotel of that district.

Kabul Youth

LD232008 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] In accordance with the resolutions of the PDPA Central Committee's Third Plenum, a number of struggling party youths of the Kabul City Committee today left voluntarily for one of the battlefronts. Before their departure they said: We have decided with full determination and irrevocable intention to cleanse revolutionary Afghanistan of the enemies of revolution and the homeland and we will struggle to the end of our lives on this sacred course and in this just struggle.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports from the airport that a number of the members and cadres of the Kabul city party committee saw off the courageous and heroic youths at the airport. One of the fighting youths who was going to the front said: I swear that I will fight to the end of my life to defend honor and homeland in the resolute crushing of the rebels and the complete elimination of these U.S. and imperialist servants and mercenaries.

BRIEFS

NEW BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR--The new ambassador of the People's Republic of Bulgaria arrived in Kabul today to assume his ambassadorial duties. [Kabul in Urdu to South Asia 1330 GMT 24 Sep 80 GF]

PRESIDENT ASKS IRAN, IRAQ LEADERS TO CEASE HOSTILITIES

BK241722 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] President Ziaur Rahman has sent an urgent appeal to President Bani-Sadr of Iran and President Saddam Husayn of Iraq for an immediate cessation of hostilities pending a just and honorable settlement of the dispute through peaceful negotiations. In his message, President Zia said the continuation of this conflict would endanger the security of the entire region and lead to most (?adverse) consequences (?detrimental) not only to Iraq and Iran, but also to the Islamic world as a whole and the nonaligned movement of which the two countries are active members. The president said he is also disturbed and distressed by [words indistinct] between the two countries. In this context, the president said [words indistinct] loss of lives and property.

CALCUTTA PAPER REPORTS PRC ARMS SALES TO BANGLADESH

BK221018 Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali 11 Sep 80 p 1

[By staff reporter]

[Text] Bangladesh is to purchase two squadrons of MiG-21's, 36 tanks and other arms worth about 6 billion taka from China by January 1981. An agreement to this effect was reached between Dacca and Beijing during President Ziaur Rahman's visit to China last month. Bangladesh has also received other arms worth 10 billion taka from China during the past 5 years. A Chinese squadron consists of 24 aircraft.

The important agreement was kept secret in Dacca, however, the Voice of America gave a detailed account of the agreement during the last week of the past month. About 16 senior officials from the Departments of Defense, Commerce, Finance and Foreign Affairs went to China after President Zia's visit to that country and finalized a program for receiving those arms. New Delhi has received a detailed report in this regard from its high commission in Dacca. Bangladesh, since independence, has received 4 MiGs from the Soviet Union free of cost and 10 tanks from Egypt as a gift. It has also acquired about 28 tanks and some additional aircraft through Saudi Arabian, Libyan and Pakistani initiatives. At present, Bangladesh has a regular army of 10 divisions. The total number including the Bangladesh rifles and Ansar [paramilitary troops] is about 500,000.

A number of Chinese experts have arrived to provide training in handling the Chinese aircraft, tanks and modern weapons. They are stationed in Dacca, Chittagong and Jessore cantonments. A number of other experts are due to arrive during the next 2 years. Dacca's Tejgaon Airport has been closed to civilian use and will now be used for air force training purposes.

A former member of Bangladesh's Council of Ministers and an eminent economist, Dr M.N. Huda, opposed the arms purchase onthe ground that there is no justification for a poor country like Bangladesh to waste foreign exchange on arms purchases.

U.S. SENATE APPROVES URANIUM SHIPMENT FOR TARAPORE PLANT

BK250314 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Text] The U.S. Senate has voted in favor of shipment of 38 tons of enriched uranium to India for the Tarapore power plant. The Senate refused to agree with the House of Representatives resolution which rejected President Carter's order authorizing the shipment. The House resolution was defeated in the Senate by 48 to 40 votes. The final vote took place late last evening after 2 days of discussions on all aspects of the Tarapore issue. The Senate has 100 members and all but six cast their votes.

The Carter administration has welcomed the Senate's approval to sell enriched uranium to India. A White House spokesman said the Senate action will help further the administration's policy of seeking to prevent nuclear proliferation.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON STATUS OF INDIANS IN IRAN, IRAQ

BK241607 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Ten Indians were killed and twenty-five injured in the Iraqi port of Basrah in an Iranian aerial attack yesterday. Information to this effect was received in New Delhi today from the Indian Embassy in Baghdad. The injured persons have been hospitalized.

All Indians in Baghdad and the Iranian capital of Tehran are safe, according to reports from the Indian embassies there. The victims of the Basrah attack were the employees of a construction company named the (Al-Sharwah) Contracting Company. Fifty Indians were working when the attack was carried out on the compamy. 15 escaped unhurt.

According to the External Affairs Ministry spoeksman in New Delhi, the Indian counsel general in Basrah is attending the problems in this regard. He said the Government of India is receiving detailed reports from the embassies in Iran and Iraq about the welfare of Indians there. Replying to a question, he said there is no panic and there are no plans to evacuate the Indians. The Indian missions have been instructed to insure their safety and render assistance to them. There are several thousand Indians in Iran and Iraq. News about the casualties in Basrah got held due to transmission difficulties. It was received today via Kuwait.

Meanwhile, in Delhi the police commissioner has been instructed to insure full protection to the diplomatic missions of Iran and Iraq against different groups of protesting students.

INDIANS STRANDED IN IRAQ TO BE REPATRIATED VIA KUWAIT

BK250334 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Text] An official of the Indian Embassy in Kuwait has left for (Abdali) on the Iraq-Kuwait border to arrange for the entry of a large number of Indians stranded there. As the Indians do not have the required travel documents, the embassy official will issue the documents to them on the spot. Kuwait has accepted the suggestion of the Indian Government to let the Indians pass through its territory. The Indians will be repatriated to India by their firm in a day or two.

AFP: SRI LANKA'S BANDARANAIKE CHARGED WITH POWER ABUSE

BK241048 Hong Kong AFP in English 1002 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Colombo, 24 Sep (AFP)--A presidential commission has found former Prime Minister Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike guilty of charges of abuse of power during her 7-year rule from 1970 and recommending that she be stripped of her civic rights.

A special gazette issue today by the president's office said the three-member commission appointed by President J.R. Hayewardene had found four of ten allegations levelled against her constituting misuse or abuse of power had been established. Two other allegations which constitute only abuse of power had also been established. The commission, comprising three judges, in an interim report submitted to President Jayewardene has recommended that Mrs Bandaranaike be made subject to civic disability.

Under the constitution, parliament will now have to decide whether Mrs Bandaranaike's civic rights including the right to contest a parliamentary seat should be removed. When the charges were made against her Mrs Bandaranaike, 64, withdrew from the inquiry alleging that she would not get a fair hearing. The commission has also found a former senior minister in Mrs Bandaranaike's cabinet guilty of various misdeeds and recommended that he too be deprived of his civic rights. Felix R. Dias Bandaranaike, former minister of local government, finance and justice has been found guilty of corruption and abuse of power. Both the former prime minister and her minister can be deprived of their civic rights for 7 years if parliament approves a resolution to that effect which will have to be submitted by the government.

President Hayewardene appointed the commission in 1978 to inquire into alleged misdeeds by the former Premier Mrs Bandaranaike, her ministers and officials during her regime from 1970 to 1977. The commission had earlier found a senior official in her government guilty on charges of abuse and misuse of power and he was stripped of his civic rights for 7 years.

SRI LANKA PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS FOR NEW YORK, JAPAN

BK251111 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Excerpts] The prime minister leaves for New York tonight. Premadasa is scheduled to address the UN General Assembly next Monday [29 September]. The prime minister will also meet World Bank President Robert McNamara and will have discussions with U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie. On his way back home the prime minister will spend 4 days in Japan.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETS UNDER RAJA'I 24 SEP

LD250425 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Text] According to PARS, the Council of Ministers chaired by Mr Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i had a session last night. At this session, which lasted from 2000 to 0230, current affairs of the country and issues regarding the Iraqi aggression against Iran were reviewed.

SYRIAN, LIBYAN AMBASSADORS DISCUSS CRISIS WITH BANI-SADR

LD241330 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1108 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] The ambassadors of Syria and Libya in the Islamic Republic of Iran met and conferred with President Dr Seyyed Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the commander in chief of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at the headquarters of the joint staff this morning. According to PARS, Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i and General Fallahi, the acting commander of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, were also present at this meeting and they discussed and exchanged views on clashes between Iran and Iraq and recent changes.

BANI-SADR HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE ON IRAQI AGGRESSION

LD241250 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Dr Seyyed Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, president and commander in chief of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, yesterday answered questions of representatives of the domestic and foreign press and mass media in a press, radio and television interview. Before replying to the questions of the reporters, the commander in chief of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed them. He said: Since yesterday, the Iraqi Government has added new dimensions to its aggressive acts. The claim of the aggressive Iraqi Government is that we have not observed the 1975 Algerian treaty. Therefore, its armed forces find it necessary to violate our territory. Yesterday, American [presumably meaning U.S.-built] fighters attacked our airports and airbases and today these attacks have continued. The ground operations of the Iraqi forces have been intensified since yesterday and they have attacked new areas today.

Of course, from a military point of view, Iraq has not gained anything while she has lost a great deal. For instance, the Iraqi Air Force has definitely lost its military capability, and if the dependent countries or superpowers do not send them assistance Iraq will no longer be able to continue its aggressive war alone. What, in our view, proves the genuine nature of our Islamic Revolution is that the imaginings of those who implemented this attack against Iran proved to be in vain. Our armed forces withstood these aggressive acts and we hope that this resistance will continue. In accordance with our belief and principles we are not aggressive and did not and do not have any intentions for aggressive acts. However, on the basis of the same beliefs and principles we cannot see even one inch of the soil of our country under foreign occupation.

Continuing his speech, the commander in chief of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran said: What the Iraqi Government does not know is that the Iranian people have a tradition and a culture based on the defense of their country. According to this culture and tradition, the first principle is that whenever there is a clash our people will defend their country side by side with their armed forces, with one heart and in unified ranks.

In another part of his speech, the president said: At the moment, our defense is a sacred defense of Islam and the Islamic Revolution, and a defense by a country and a nation which for centuries has existed under conditions which it no longer wishes to accept. I hope that you representatives of the press will inform the people of your nation of the situation which has been imposed upon us; a nation which has been subjected to aggression from every side cannot have the optimism toward the superpowers which they expect of us.

In his interview, Dr Bani-Sadr announced: Today, I received a note from the Government of the United States. I also held a meeting with the Soviet ambassador and the note which he brought apparently indicated that both superpowers have declared their hands clean and free from this violation, claimed that they have not rendered any assistance to the aggressive Iraqi Government and that they are in no way involved. According to the note of the Soviet ambassador, the Soviet Government has told the Iraqi Government that it does not agree with this aggressive act. However, you should know that (?issuing) notes is one thing and action is something different. In practice we wish to see that no assistance is rendered to the aggressive Iraqi Government. I have reminded the representatives of governments that from today, after the victorious attack of our air force against the Iraqi air bases and after having brought down more than 35 Iraqi military planes, the Iraqi Air Force has no further military capability. If the Iraqi Air Force shows any signs of military capability it will prove that others have definitely assisted it.

Dr Bani-Sadr, the Islamic president of Iran, then said: In any case, we know that the brotherly nation of Iraq will rid itself of the evil of this tyrannical government. In our view, standing against this aggression is both defending the ideals of our homeland and assisting the Iraqi people to get rid of one of the worst regimes.

After the address by the president, the reporters put their questions. In answer to the question of one reporter, who asked what would happen if the Iraq MiG's managed to attack Tehran and other cities, and also what has been the role of the communication and intelligence systems and radar, the commander in chief of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran said:

Concerning the point whether aircraft can cross the border, despite radar, the answer is yes, they can, in the same way that today more than 140 Iranian Air Force Phantoms crossed Iraqi borders, reached Baghdad and safely returned. However, what is important is what we did which ensured that their attack was futile. For the past month and a half our intelligence daily informed us of their widespread conspiracy and the information concerning their attack proved accurate. Yesterday, we brought down many of their aircraft. They never imagined that we were so prepared defensively. It was in no way a surprise attack in the same way that the sea battle was not a surprise attack. On the contrary, they were caught unawares and lost four of their most important craft. If last night you had seen the faces of our military commanders you would have noticed how happy they were and what excellent morale they enjoyed. All this indicates that our attacks have been quite successful and that we are quite pleased with the past events.

One of the reporters then asked: Bearing in mind that Carter has said that recent clashes between Iran and Iraq will have a positive effect on releasing the 52 hostages, what is your view? Mr Bani-Sadr replied: Bearing in mind the note which the American Government has sent to me it seems that one part of this question is false. However, you should know that our Islamic order is an order in which law is implemented. But what law is it ? When has America observed the law? If America wishes to force us to observe international law with guns and artillery we will never observe such international laws which would result in us receiving a beating.

Another reporter then asked: Saddam Husayn has claimed that Iranian planes have attacked nonmilitary and civilian targets. What are your views?

The president replied: One of the major characteristics of Saddam is to tell lies. We have never hit his economic and nonmilitary targets. It is Saddam who every day opens a new scene of aggression. However, we have a great deal of patience and our turn will come.

One of the reporters then asked: How do you see the dimensions of this problem? The president answered: The enemy has drafted a plan to topple our revolutionary regime, to divide our country between themselves like vultures, and to spread rumors and create fear among our people. However, contrary to the imaginings of the enemy, our people get stronger day by day and enjoy excellent morale.

One of the reporters then asked about the assistance of other countries, including the Soviet Union, to Iraq, to which the president replied: The Iraqi Government on its own cannot achieve anything. Therefore, its actions are connected with great and semigreat powers. We have no doubt that they are assisting Iraq, but one should bear in mind that great and small countries were all supporting the shah's regime as well. However, our nation arose in unity and became victorious. Therefore, despite all the assistance of other countries, we will succeed. However, we are certain that America continues her aggressive policy in Iran.

Another reporter asked about the trip of Iraq's deputy prime minister to the Soviet Union. The commander in chief of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran said: Usually, such trips are for the sake of winning support and the trip itself indicates that Iraq is in need of assistance. We did not go on any trip because we are in need of no one, except God. Our people are independent and they themselves will defend their country. However, I said to the Soviet ambassador: Your assistance to the aggressive Iraq is proof of your enmity towards us and our future generations will never forget this enmity toward us. As the method of our dealings with the enemy is clear, I hope countries which are assisting Iraq will seriously consider our warning.

Concerning Iraqi penetration on Iranian soil, the president said: This morning I asked the military commanders to report to me their evaluations concerning Iraq's capability. They said: The Iraqi Government has attacked with its utmost military capacity, and if this is so we can say that the Iraqi Armed Forces will be controlled in the near future. In that case, we hope you will visit the borders. We are determined and our people are determined to fight until complete victory and the expulsion of the aggressors from every inch of the Iranian soil. After that, it is not clear whether we will pause before compensating our losses.

BANI-SADR SPOKESMAN IN FRANCE VIEWS CONFLICT WITH IRAQ

LD231850 Paris Domestic Service in French 1700 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] Unless Iraq obtains satisfaction in its three demands Baghdad states that it will continue the fighting. The same reaction has come from the opposite camp. Tehran will not give way, as was declared by President Bani-Sadr's spokesman in France, Mr (Garmashandi), whose statement has just been translated by Paris radio.

[Begin recording (Garmashandi), speaking in Persian with simultaneous translation into French] On no condition will we give up a single centimeter of our territory to any government or foreigner. We do not accept this Iraqi (?desire).

[Unidentified correspondent speaking in French] So the war will continue?

[(Garmashandi)] [Words indistinct] we who shall end it. My reaction to this claim by Iraq [passage indistinct]. [end recording]

KHOMEYNI CALLS FOR IRAQI TROOPS TO DEFECT

LD241236 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1100 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Dear listeners, Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, today sent an important message to the noble and Muslim nation of Iraq, its Muslim officers, NCO's, soldiers, workers and employees. The text of the message from the imam of the nation is as follows:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate.

Noble and Muslim nation of Iraq, fighting military personnel, officers, NCO's and Muslim soldiers of Iraq, Muslim workers and employees of Iraq. You have all closely watched the crimes and treacheries of the blasphemous Ba'thist Party and you are observing them now. You have tasted the bitterness of the blasphemous Ba'thist reign. You are aware that Saddan Husayn and his pagan accomplices, like stupid [words indistinct] and blasphemous, have become obedient and blindfolded servants of imperialism and Zionism and, on the orders of their world-devouring masters, have attacked Iran and the nation of Iran--which pushed the pagans out of their country with the slogan of "God is great" and the backing of dear Islam--and are savagely murdering your brothers in faith.

You know that this war between Iran and the Iraqi Ba'thists is a war between Islam and blasphemy; it is a war between the glorious Koran and pagans.

Therefore, all of you, us and the Muslims of the world are dutybound to defend dear Islam and the glorious Koran and dispatch these traitors to hell.

Now it is your religious, divine and humane duty to start opposition and obstruction wherever you can. The Army of Iraq must join the Iranian Army today, around 100 Iraqi officers, NCO's and other militants came to Iran and placed themselves in the embrace of Islam. The Iraqi Army must know that Iran will welcome and support its Muslim brothers of the Iraqi Army with open arms.

Workers of all strata and employees of any office in which they might be must, in accordance with their religious duty, show their service to dear Islam and the glorious Koran by strikes and opposition.

The nation of Iraq must refrain from paying taxes and water and electricity bills to the blasphemous government, because any payment will help the illegal, blasphemous government, and will be classed as help given to the opponents of Islam who are engaged in a war with Islam. They must condemn the action of the Iraqi criminals by staging marches in their millions.

You, dear Iraqi brothers, must know that your Iranian brothers are now in a state of full alert and will smash the opponents of Islam by a general mobilization when it is necessary.

You, dear military and nonmilitary brothers and all the Armed Forces of Iraq, learn a lesson from the action of the nation of Iran which destroyed the satanic strength of the superpowers emptyhanded and do not be afraid of arch-Satans and small devils; rise to defend Islam and the Islamic countries.

God is with you. O believers, if you help God, he will help you and make you strong.

May God's peace and mercy be upon you.

[Signed] Ruhollah Mosavi Khomeyni, 24 September, 1980

MAJLIS DISCUSSES CONFLICT WITH IRAQ IN CLOSED SESSION

LD241234 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] According to a correspondent of the Central News Bureau, the Islamic Consultative Assembly held a private closed session at 1000 today. During this session, which lasted until 1330, the current problems of the country, related to the war between Iran and Iraq, were discussed and investigated by the deputies.

The Islamic Consultative Assembly will hold an open session at 0800 tomorrow.

MAJLIS DEFENSE COMMITTEE DISCUSSES BORDER CONDITIONS

LD241256 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1140 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] The defense committee of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, while investigating the border conditions in the west of the country at its session today, decided to introduce one of the members of this committee to the security headquarters stationed in the Ministry of Interior. Also, certain investigations are to be carried out among the various armies of the world in connection with the plan for the Islamic Army.

BEHESHTI SPEAKS ON FIGHTING, HOSTAGES IN PRESS CONFERENCE

GF242081 Tehran International Service in Arabic 2000 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Excerpts] The president of the Supreme Court, Ayatollah Dr Beheshti, has said our people and the country's rulers had no wish to engage in armed clashes with their neighbors. However, following the aggression by the agent Iraqi regime on our borders and cities, we were compelled to strike Iraqi military targets in Iraq. This shows that we are not hostile to the Iraqi people and army. They are our brothers.

Referring to the U.S. spy hostages issue, Ayatollah Beheshti said: The Iranian people are not a people that surrender to the superpowers. The Majlis alone will make the final decision on the hostages issue.

At the end of his press conference, Ayatollah Beheshti addressed a message to the Iraqi people.

STUDENT STATEMENT 147 TO IRAQI YOUTH, STUDENTS

LD242200 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1652 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Excerpt] Statement No 147 of the student followers of the imam's policy addressed to Iraqi youth, students and undergraduates was released tonight.

Ardent and brave Iraqi youths. Fighting and aware undergraduates and students of the brotherly country of Iraq. Peace and greetings upon you brave youth of the Islamic land of Iraq. Peace and our greetings be upon you, youths who undoubtedly will protect the holy Koran and dear Islam.

Brothers and sisters, we know that upon you more than upon anyone else fell the bitterness and darkness of the regime of the treacherous and infidel Saddam.

No doubt the ramshackle power of the unlawful and tyranical Ba'th regime will also be crushed like the American regime of the defunct Mohammad Reza, through the oppressed Iraqi nation's brave uprising and their demonstrations in the millions and with the weapon of "God is great."

Saddam's anti-Islamic regime could not tolerate Iran's Islamic Revolution, because it has been supporting the fighting Palestinian brothers and sisters with all its might. And with the marking of international Jerusalem Day it has declared to the world that it will support with everything at its disposal the liberation and aspirations of Palestine. Why? Because the topic concerns defending Islam and Muslims.

Yet, since the Iraqi Ba'th regime takes its directives from the United States, its logic too is American logic: that means defending Israel and turning its back on the nations who are standing up to the United States and Israel.

The vast offensive by the Iraqi Ba'th regime is taking place at a time when our two fraternal and friendly Governments of Syria and Libya have declared their unification against Israel.

Muslim people of Iraq, sons of Islam, bear in mind that this regime is a U.S. puppet regime and has risen in the name of Islam against Islam and the Islamic nation and filled its prisons with revolutionary youth and has embarked upon the murder of Islamic ulema and Islamic forces.

All the disasters that are inflicted today on you and were inflicted in the past on our nation were caused by this ruthless world devourer. And, assuredly, if you get hold today of the documents of the U.S. spy nest in Iraq, you will see that the consulate general of your oppressed nation and also its aggression against your fraternal nation Iran were from and directed by CIA elements [as heard] and that the treacherous Saddam is under the direct rule of these elements.

Brothers and sisters, today is the day that we and all committed and aware Muslim youths expect you, the brave youths, to turn mosques, universities and schools into fortifications and let loose whatever you have in your power against this devouring regime.
[Passage omitted on Khomeyni message on dispute with Iraq]

AYATOLLAH GOLPAYGANI ASSAILS SADDAM HUSAYN

JN241349 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0600 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Ayatollah Golpaygani has said that all Muslims are equal in Islam and there is no difference among them except in piety. There are no differences between one Muslim and another arising from racial or communal allegiance. Racial and communal fanaticism is the work of Satan and is anti-Islamic.

In a statement issued yesterday, his eminence said that the people rebelled only for the sake of Islam--a religion that calls for emancipation of the oppressed, rejection of fanaticism, obedience to the teachings of the Koran and a revival of the greatness and glory of Islam, under the slogan of Allah akhbar.

Ayatollah Golpaygani added that the Iraqi Muslim people have been on the side of the Islamic Revolution in Iran from its inception and still are. The Iraqi people realize the truth of the Iranian revolution and are aware that it is for all Muslims. It is only natural that this revolution is being exposed to attacks and campaigns launched by those who are followers of Satan and by the superpowers, imperialism, Israel, East, West, and the mercenaries who are affiliated with the atheist Marxist schools. From the time of its first victory the Islamic Revolution has been exposed to provocations by the anti-Islamic Ba'thist regime in Iraq. This regime agreed with the traitorous shah's regime on implementing the U.S. imperialist plot against Islam in the region.

The traitor Saddam continued to follow the same anti-Islamic course after the victory of the Islamic Revolution and the establishment of the just Islamic government. He began his offensive against Islam using the wealth that he plunders from the Iraqi people and continued on this path until his escalation of the war with the Islamic Republic of Iran on land, sea and air. He threw the Iraqi Army into this war instead of sending it to fight Israel.

Ayatollah Golpaygani said in his statement: The Ba'thist Iraqi regime fights Iran because it expelled the agent shah and stopped the flow of oil to Israel. Addressing the Iraqi Muslim people and army, he said: You are now passing through a very difficult experience and shouldering a great responsibility. The future of Iraq will be dark indeed if you remain complacent in the face of this tyrant, instead of fighting him in the name of Islam.

In conclusion, his eminence said: The Muslim people of Iran, with their army, guards and gendarmes, will defeat the plots of Saddam and his henchmen, in the interest of Islam and the Muslims.

AYATOLLAH SHIRAZI URGES IRAQI ARMY TO MUTINY

JN241345 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0930 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Call to Iraqi Army issued by Iranian Ayatollah Muhammad Shirazi--date not given]

[Excerpts] To the heroic Iraqi Army. The Islamic world wants you to fight against the Ba'thists and in the service of the people. You are from the people and of the people. Your first contingent was formed by the Muslim ulema in An-Najaf al-Sharat and was named after Imam Musa ibn Ja'far. This took place following the revolution of Imam Shirazi in 1340 after the Hegira [about 1920]. I also remember how you refused to attack An-Najaf and Karbala' during the reign of Nuri as-Sa'id and how, at your wise imam's instructions, you disobeyed orders to attack Kuwait. Today you must mutiny against the Ba'th Party, which orders you to attack the Islamic Republic of Iran. The masters of the Ba'thists in Britain, Israel and the United States want to tear Iraq asunder by pushing the army into a losing war. This happened in the past in Palestine, Lebanon, Pakistan and Yemen. You are aware that your fathers fought Britain under the banner of Islam, until the British were expelled from Iraq. Is it possible that you will fight your Iranian Muslim brothers under the banner of the crusaders and Zionists, represented by the infidel Ba'th paty, which does not believe in God and doomsday?

SHIRAZI ISSUES STATEMENT TO FARS ARMED FORCES

LD250448 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, the following statement has been issued by Ayatollah Rabbani Shirazi:

In his exalted name. Brothers in the armed forces and the guards corps of Fars Province, at this critical juncture when world-devoring imperialism, through its abject and criminal servant, Saddam the Ba'thist, has extended its aggression to all the territories of the Islamic homeland and the vital resources and our residential areas, has imposed an unwanted war on us and has cowardly slaughtered our brothers and sisters, it is the Islamic duty of you the fighting Islamic armed forces to guard the situation with utmost diligence. Relying on God and with high morale you should be prepared to protect installations and bases and defend the country against air, sea and ground aggressions of the enemy. Be assured that God protects you and will be with you after you victory. Peace.

[Signed] The Council of Guardians, Rabbani Shirazi, 24 September

JOINT STAFF ISSUES STATEMENTS 39-50 ON FIGHTING WITH IRAQ

39: Air Raids, Retaliatory Strikes

LD241454 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1417 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Statement No 39 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear valiant and Muslim compatriots, our face to face enemy is not only the mercenary Iraqi Armed Forces but the puppet leaders of the Ba'thist Covernment of Iraq who, by receiving orders and inhuman ideas from their criminal masters, have engaged in most savage war methods; and have directed all their air attacks and artillery fire entirely toward our vital sources and residential areas. Very rarely do they direct their attacks toward our military installations.

Today, Iraqi MiGs attacked Dezful, Tabriz and Kermanshah as well as oil installations in Abadan and the piers in Khorramshahr and Imam Khomeyni port. As a result, a number of defenseless civilians have been martyred or wounded in Kermanshah, Abadan and other cities.

Also, part of Abadan oil refinery has been set on fire as a result of the enemy's artillery fire. During today's attacks, 16 MiGs belonging to the Iraqi Armed Forces were brought down in Eslamabad, Naqadeh, Kermanshah, Ilam, Tabriz, Ahvaz, Abadan and Imam Khomeyni Port. The Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran immediately retaliated and, by bombarding Shu'ayabah, Basrah and Kut air bases and the enemy's tanks and depots, has inflicted heavy loss and casualties upon the enemy.

During these clashes one of the fighter aircraft of the Islamic Republic of Iran was involved in an accident but its pilot is safe. Meanwhile, the border clashes which up to a few days ago were limited to the border strip and were carried out by artillery fire have been brought within the border regions as a result of the Iraqi Army's invasion. At the moment, in Khan-Leyli and Salehabad regions a few Iranian border posts have come under the control of the Iraqi Army.

The fighting Iranian forces are busy defending the heights overlooking the posts that are capable of defense. In Qasr-e Shirin and Mehran region the enemy, by opening fire on defenseless civilians, has caused a number of civilians to be martyred or wounded, but the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran with all their might are busy stopping the enemy's penetration. In Khuzestan region, the valiant and self-sacrificing forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the guards corps are engaged in intense fighting with the enemy's armored forces around Salamcheh, near the Iraqi border.

In these operations more than 40 enemy tanks have been destroyed as the result of intense fire by the artillery and fighter aircraft of the Islamic Republic of Iran. A number of personnel carriers and vehicles carrying weapons have been captured by the Iranian Army.

In Eyni-khosh in Dehloran region, the fighting forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran are engaged in resolute defense against the attacking forces. In this region, too, heavy casualties and damage has been inflicted upon the enemy. The exact number of tanks and personnel carriers of the enemy which have been destroyed is not available.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

40: Iraqis May Shell Own Shrines

GF241710 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1654 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Statement No 40 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. O alert Muslims of the world.

Saddam Husayn--this servant of the foreigner who is suffering from the Muslim Iraqi people's anger and indignation--in the face of the victories of the Islamic Republic of Iran's zealous and brave army, is launching mad attacks in order to consistently prove his agentry. According to available information, it is possible that the agent Ba'thist army may shell the holy shrines of the blessed imams in Iraq in order to suggest that the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army has committed this act, however, the noble Koranic verse says: They desire to extinguish the light of God with their mouths, but God will perfect his light, though the unbelievers be averse. All Muslims are aware that it is the atheist Saddam Husayn who is harboring these vile intentions.

[Signed] the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

41: MiG's Raid Khark Island

LD241827 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1803 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Statement No 41 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The Iraqi Ba'th Army continues to subject civilian areas and oil installations in Iran to its attacks and acts of aggression. According to information we have received, during this afternoon's air raid by Iraqi MiG's against Khark Island the combatant naval forces of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the heroes of the air force, were able, by using antiaircraft artillery, ships of the Navy of the Islamic Republic and Phantom aircraft, to shoot down three Iraqi MiG's. These MiG's were shot down over Khark Island.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

42: Rout of Iraqi Column

LD242135 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Statement No 42 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. O Muslim people of Iran who have risen. Your ever-striving and self-denying brother soldiers, vigilant, awake and powerful, are fighting with their entire might 24 hours a day on land, in the air and at sea in order to safeguard and defend every single particle of soil of the dear homeland of Iran and to crush any aggressor.

We now wish to announce that apart from the three Iraqi MiG's which were downed this afternoon over Khark Island, at 2030 today another two aggressor MiG's were shot down by the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran. At 2200 hours the heroic Abu Dhar Brigade, with the support of the heroes of the Air Corps of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, smashed the Iraqi attackers so much that the invaders left their tanks and armored equipment and began fleeing toward Iraq; the pursuit still continues.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

43: MiG Losses at Bushehr

LD250402 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0333 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Statement No 43 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name.

The Muslim nation of Iran is hereby informed that during last night's air raids by the Iraqi Army on Bushehr, two more Iraqi MiG's weredowned by the fighter planes of the air force and another one was downed by one of the gunboats of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The pilots of these planes bailed out and navy patrol boats are searching to capture them.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

44: Registration of Reservists

LD250856 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0814 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Statement No 44 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name: Following the calling up of reserve personnel who finished their service in 1977, which has been warmly welcomed by the reserves of this period, a large number of the personnel who finished their service at an earlier or later date have also given their positive response to the call of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and have applied to the centers specified by the conscription office to register to join their soldier brothers' columns.

With appreciation and thanks to these brothers, they are assured that the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran considers it its religious duty to ask them for help as well, in case of necessity, and to invite them to join the armed forces. At present, the conscription centers will register the details of these people who have completed their service in order to call them up when they are required. It should be noted that it is still compulsory for personnel who completed their service in 1977 to present themselves.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

45: Call for Iraqi Rebellion

LD251000 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0847 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Statement No 45 of Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. "Fight against them until there is no longer any rebellion and until religion belongs to God."

O you soldiers of Islam, through your bloody fighting obliterate them from the earth so that there can exist no center for trouble and conspiracy and so that the religion of God may extend itself all over the Earth.

O Muslim Army of Iraq, the armed forces of any country are valuable and respectable only when they are serving the entire people of the homeland and when they are used for guarding and protecting the country. When these forces are in the service of dictators, executioners and agents of the superpowers, any movement or any struggle from their side is only a crime committed against their people and their homeland.

You who are now in the service of the criminal Saddam, this lackey and defender of American crimes, even your breathing is help to the enemy, to the enemies of God and Islam. Rise up and free yourselves from the yoke of the government of Saddam, rebel against it and serve the interests of the Muslim people of Iraq. Do not stain your hands with the blood of the beloved peoples of Iraq and Iran, as God will not forgive you for that.

The nation, Government, and Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran are ready to embrace you warmly. Rise up and obliterate this stain of shame from the hem of the beloved nation of Iraq and find your military honor, since "Glory belongs to God, His prophet, and the believers."

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

46: Baghdad in Revolt

LD251012 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0857 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Statement No 46 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Valiant Iranian nation, the glad tidings of victory in the new battlefront against the mercenaries of the superpowers can be heard in the entire region. The oppressed people have finally realized that they should dispel fear, despair and trepidation from their mind and thought and stand against the enemy up to their last breath, to become victorious over the enemy, and to establish the religion of God upon Earth through His will.

The reports we have received indicate that the valiant and heroic Iraqi nation has responded to call of their imam and is determined to smash the Ba'thist regime of Iraq from within, and to take control of their own destiny. Repeated explosions and the shooting in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, can be heard incessantly and indicate the opening of a new front in the war against Saddam, the gendarme of the superpowers inside Iraq.

It has been also reported that retired Iranian commanders and officers who have remained faithful to the Iranian nation and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran have reported to the embassies of the Islamic Republic of Iran in foreign countries and have expressed their willingness to fight with all their might, strength, thought and soul as ordinary soldiers in the service of Islam against the Ba'thist, Zionist government of Saddam. The Islamic Republic of Iran, while expressing its gratitude to these noble and faithful persons who are attached to Islam and their Islamic country, hopes that all forces and all human resources may be used in the service of the government of the oppressed people which is the heritage of God.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

47: Iraqi Armor Problems

LD250944 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0920 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Statement No 47 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] We hereby inform the valiant and heroic nation of Iran that last night 50 invading Iraqi tanks which, by the will of God, became stuck in the mud were attacked by the fighting Iranian forces; all of them were destroyed and the invaders fled. The bogged-down tanks reminds one of the abandoned helicopters that belonged to the master of Saddam in Tabas.

Following the dastardly attacks of the Ba'thist Armed Forces of Iraq against the defenseless peple of Qazvin, Tabriz, Kermanshah and Khark, a number of civilians have been wounded and a few have been martyred. In response to these attacks, the three Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran launched attacks and by 0900 this morning three MiG fighters were hit by antiaircraft guns in Khark Island and smashed into the sea.

Following the attack of 6 Iraqi MiGs on Tabriz, four of them were hit by antiaircraft guns and were brought down. Of the two Iraqi MiGs which fled, one of them crashed in the Urumiyeh Lake and the other was brought down by the valiant fighters of the city of Urumiyeh.

This morning one Iraqi MiG crashed in Yasuj and its pilot was arrested by Iranian fighters. Following these attacks the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran penetrated inside Iraqi territory and carried out successful attacks against their military zones. The details of these attacks will be brought to the notice of the brave Iranian people later today.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

48: Volunteer Registration by Telephone

LD251124 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Statement No 48 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His ecalted name. Because retired officers and NCO's have applied to various centers many times and have expressed their readiness to participate in the operations against the enemy, and are continuing to do so, it is now announced that the Joint Staff of the ARmed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran has devoted telephone number 84-14-76, I repeat, 84-14-76, for these applications. Applicants can register through this channel, so that when required, they can be drafted and their experience and speciality can be used. In the meantime, once again we are grateful for the readiness of so much manpower and Islamci force.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

49: Bombing Raids, Air Losses

LD251120 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1049 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Statement No 49 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran present to the nation the continuation of the list of this morning's operations.

1. At 0730 Thursday, following the attack by Iraqi MiGs on Dezful, the fighting Iranian forces immediately confronted them and in a widespread attack forced them to flee. During these operations one Iraqi MiG was brought down and no damage was sustained by our forces.

2. The enemy artillery opened fire on the oil company hospital in Abadan, and once again, with these inhuman acts, the vile nature of the infidel Saddam was exposed.

3. Safariyah post in Iraq was completely destroyed in an intensive air attack by the Phantoms of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

4. Right now the air space of Khuzestan is under the complete protection of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran and helicopters and Phantoms of the valiant Iranian Armed Forces are busy maneuvering in the air space of Ahvaz and border regions, and attacking Iraq.

5. At dawn today, extensive attacks by the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran were launched on oil installations and air bases in Baghdad, Arbil, Mosul and Kirkuk in Iraq and the military positions and oil installations of the enemy were severely hit. During these operations, the Iraqi MiGs were confronted and eight were brought down, while one phantom belonging to the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran was hit by antiaircraft guns.

6. This morning the Khanaqin oil refinery was bombareded by two fighters of the Islamic Republic of Iran and now a column of smoke can be seen rising into the air.

7. At 1240 two invading Iraqi MiGs were brought down over Bushehr by Phantoms of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

50: Navy Personnel To Report

LD251138 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Statement No 50 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. We hereby announce to those personnel of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran who are on leave and whose leave has been cancelled that, due to gasoline rationing, they should immediately report to naval headquarters so that necessary arrangements can be made to return them to their bases.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

INTERIOR MINISTRY ISSUES STATEMENTS 9-11

9: Rumormongers To Be Reported

LD241402 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Statement No 9 of the security headquarters of the Interior Ministry]

[Text] O believers. If an unreliable and corrupt person brings you a report do not follow it up without investigation. Imam Khomeyni, this spirit of God, this idolsmasher and savior of the oppressed people, defined in his 23 September message the religious responsibility of the Muslim and revolutionary Iranian nation, and of the security and judicial organizations toward the traitorous and unpatriotic rumormongers.

In obedience to the orders of the illustrious leader of the revolution, a unit has been set up in the central Islamic revolution committee, and the Muslim and committed fellow citizens are requested to immediately report these traitors whenever they are found spreading rumors and lies in order to deliver blows at the Islamic Revolution. Citizens should dial the following telephone numbers: 310001-310009, and expose the counter-revolutionary elements.

Once again we warn the mercenary, treacherous elements to refrain from their treasonous acts and to be assured that such rumors will not have the slightest effect on the invincible will of our martyr-nurturing nation. For a long time now these deceived traitors have been unmasked.

10: Request Against Marches

LD241750 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1700 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Statement No 10 of the security headquarters of the Interior Ministry]

[Text] In the name of God. [Words indistinct] that our brave brother guards and our brave army personnel who are fighting the Ba'th regime, this element of corruption in the region, and the element of the United States, a number of our revolutionary citizens have requested to stage marches in order to condemn Saddam, this mercenary servant of the great evil.

While thanking our aware nation, for the sake of stopping the U.S. puppets, the trouble-makers and the counterrevolution from taking advantage, we request them to refrain from staging any march or demonstration and only show their roaring anger against (?Saddam) through united presence during Friday prayers.

11: Stoppage of Fuel Sales

LD250436 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Statement No 11 of the security headquarters of the Interior Ministry]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Noble nation of Iran: Following the cowardly attack launched by Iraqi mercenaries on the Abadan refinery installations and the stoppage of the refinery's production, considering the importance of saving fuel under the present conditions when the whole nation is struggling against the enemies of the Islamic Revolution and considering the importance of maintaining the strength of defense and the fuel reserves, on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 September gasoline, gas oil and paraffin will not be distributed for sale to private consumers. Therefore, all dear compatriots are requested not to go to fuel stations during these 2 days to buy the above-mentioned fuels. The sale of gasoline and gas oil to taxis and public transport vehicles on the basis of their average daily consumption will contiue in some filling stations which will be announced by governorates later on. The dear compatriots are expected to show the world, by their revolutionary patience, that the nation of Iran will not come to its knees because of an economic blockade or the inflicting of damage on its economic installations. It will not blemish its Islamic achievements; rather, the nation of Iran is able to tackle problems and wage its holy mission with unprecedented patience relying on God for days and months.

[Signed] The security headquarters of the Interior Ministry

GENDARMERIE, PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ISSUE STATEMENTS

Gendarmerie Warning of Boobytraps

LD241340 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1119 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] The public relations office of the gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran has issued a statement announcing: It has been observed in recent days that Iraqi planes are dropping explosives concealed in parcels, toys and so on to kill the public and bring losses and damage. Dear compatriots are hereby requested not to approach and touch these kinds of parcels and toys if they come across them and to report them to the nearest gendarmerie post immediately.

Illegitimate Gasoline Sales, Storage

LD241842 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1657 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, the following statement was released by the public relations office of the office of the revolution public prosecutor concerning selling of gasoline:

All gasoline stations are hereby warned that under no circumstances do they have the right of selling gasoline in containers to those coming to the gasoline stations. Those ignoring the above directive will be prosecuted according to the law.

While observing the above, the people of Iran are requested, if they have information concerning gasoline storage in houses, stores or other places, to communicate their information immediately to Tehran's revolution prosecutor office, committees, revolution guards, or law enforcement officials and stop this counterrevolutionary act.

Also, all law enforcement forces are dutybound, while observing the above directive, to act immediately on the information that they receive from the public concerning this counter-revolutionary act and arrest offenders and surrender them to the revolution prosecutor.

Warning Against Overcharging, Hoarding

LD241920 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] According to a Central News Bureau report the following statement was issued by the prosecutor and special guilds court today:

Overcharging and hoarding of essential foodstuffs have become a cause of concern. We expect vendors to refrain from overcharging and hoarding goods and realize the country's exceptional situation and not to contribute to the counterrevolution inside the country, which would be regarded as cooperation with the enemy. Should there be any overcharging or hoarding of goods the offenders will be prosectued severely as constituting counter-revolution and elements of disorder. It is emphasized that this court will combat all disorder in the country's economy and contribute to the task of providing the public with its main needs, and will expand its duties. The following should be strictly observed:

1. All compatriots are hereby requested to cooperate with us by naming those guilty of distorting the country's economic order.

2. The centers of the campaign against overcharging [word indistinct] such as mosques must strive more than ever in assisting the distribution of goods and the campaign against overcharging and shortages of foodstuffs, as in the revolution period, with the cooperation of revolutionary youth and must act immediately.

3. All the personnel of the guilds court must observe the above directives and prosecute the offenders immediately.

4. To name the offenders, the public can telephone 568001/4.

FIRE BEING FOUGHT AFTER ATTACK ON KHARK ISLAND

LD241804 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1713 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] An Oil Ministry spokesman has announced: Following the enemy's attack on Khark Island, the families of the personnel based on the island are hereby informed that fortunately none of the personnel were harmed and the fire is being extinguished.

The headquarters stationed in the Oil Ministry is in constant contact with [word indistinct] who have shown great bravery in extinguishing the fire.

Motorboat Owners Callup

GF241800 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1742 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Since the owners of motorboats in Ganaveh and Bandar-e Rig are near Khark Island, they are requested to contact the gendarmerie. They will be used if needed.

Regards, Bushehr operational headquarters

AHVAZ, ABADAN RADIOS ON SITUATION IN KHUZESTAN

Formation of Resistance Groups

GF241245 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1147 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Excerpts] In the name of God. Dear brothers and sisters, please avoid contacting the army's Islamic Society and pay attention to this announcement:

In accordance with the imam's teachings, mosques are trenches and you should fill the trenches. For this purpose, the clergy, revolution guards and mobilization guards have issued a very important and vital plan that should be used. They have chosen a number of mosques where the resistance councils will meet. People should contact these centers, and they will take care of them.

The resistance councils of the mosques are requested to take up their positions in the named mosques at once to register volunteers. They should ask truck owners to bring their trucks. People should provide empty sacks and fill them. They should fortify trenches in case anything happens. Main roads, areas of fire risk such as factories and radio and television stations, military posts and other important places should be fortified with trenches. Other important places such as the entrance to the town should also be fortified.

Our dear brothers and sisters should know that this is just a precaution. The enemy's forces are otherwise engaged with the Islamic Republic's forces. People should first contact mosques. Second, they should fortify trenches and provide defense equipment. May God help us all achieve victory.

Warning on Shooting Own Aircraft

GF241340 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1333 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Dear brother revolution guards, please pay attention. Please pay attention. The helicopters and aircraft flying over Ahvaz airspace are our own. Do not fire on them! [announcement is repeated 4 times]

Air Raid Alert

GF241417 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1412 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] [Radio carries sound of air raid siren] this is the sound of the red alert for all areas of Khuzestan, especially the border area in Susangerd. All drivers are ordered to stop their cars immediately wherever they are and get out.

Precautionary Power Cut

GF241612 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Arabic 1557 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Brothers [words indistinct] in Khuzestan: [words indistinct] in compliance with the civil defense decisions, [words indistinct] the [word indistinct] fire brigade directorate will be compelled to cut off power in the entire area. This is in order to safeguard citizens' lives in Khuzestan in the savage [word indistinct] raids by the enemies of Islam and Muslims, the ruling Ba'thist tyrants of Iraq.

Air Raid Warning

GF241626 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1608 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] This announcement has been issued by the political deputy of Khuzestan governorate: In the name of God. Muslim and combattant brothers and sisters of Ahvaz, Dasht-e Azadegan, Abadan, Khorramshahr and Dezful, there is a strong possibility of an air raid. Observe the blackout. Dear citizens, if the district does not follow the blackout regulations the power and water department will cut off the power to that district. Please cooperate with the authorities and do observe the blackout.

MiG's Shot Down

GF241816 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1750 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Dear listeners. Dear Muslim and fighting citizens. According to news from the political and administrative office of the governor general's office, two Iraqi MiG's were shot down this afternoon by Iranian forces in Ahvaz. One was shot down near the Imam Port Road police station and the other one in Abadan. [passage indistinct]

92d Armored Division Announcement

GF241822 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1810 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] This an announcement by the Ahvaz 92d Armored Division: In the name of the Almighty, heroic and combatant people of [name indistinct]. Now that you have armed yourselves like your brother soldiers so you can defend the fruits of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, it is necessary to pay attention to these points:

1. Make the utmost effort toward taking care of your weapons. Do not separate yourselves from your weapons.

2. Do not use your weapons except in emergency situations.

3. Be very careful in handling grenades. Remember that they are sensitive weapons. The lack of proper care will cause them to explode and result in a sad situation.

Thank you for your attention.

Air Raid Alert

GF251139 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1128 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Text] [Air raid sirens heard for 1 minute] Please follow air raid instructions calmly: As you know, we are on red alert. Please follow instructions implicitly. [Repeat of instructions ending with 1 minute of sirens' followed by martial music]

Ahvaz Governor's Announcement

GF251214 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1200 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Text] In the name of God, the avenger. Muslim and revolutionary people of Ahvaz, hail to you for all your unity and sacrifice.

With attention to the present emergency situation, it is advisable to follow these points implicitly:

1. Keep your radios on all the time and follow all instructions.

2. Stay alert and keep calm.

3. Avoid gathering in streets and forming lines to purchase goods.

4. Do not use your vehicles except in emergencies.

5. Give all possible help to other citizens in need.

6. Give any help you can to the committees situated in the mosques.

Be assured of victory for the faithful as the Almighty promised.

[Signed] Ahvaz Governor Nasiri

Abadan Refinery Needs Generators

GF241537 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1525 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Dear listeners, please pay attention. The western joint operational headquarters in Abadan has announced that the Abadan refinery needs a 5 kilowatt or two 3 kilowatt generators. Owners should call telephone No 5776.

Search for Iraqi Pilot

GF241915 Abadan NIOC Radio in Persian 1858 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Dear citizens, please pay attention. Dear citizens, please pay attention. An Iraqi MiG was shot down by Iranian forces at 1500 today. Its parts have been found around (Qoffat) and the (Bahmanshir) River. The pilot ejected and landed with his parachute. The authorities are presently looking for the pilot. If the heroic people of Abadan see the pilot they should attempt to capture him and inform the first military or police unit.

Gas Leak Warning

GF251225 Abadan NIOC Radio in Persian 1215 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Text] Since there is a possibility of damage to the refinery's poison gas storage tanks, we ask our dear citizens to prepare wet handkerchiefs. As soon as the smell of bothersome gases is detected, cover your noses with the wet cloths, face the wind and walk into the direction of the wind.

SHIRAZ CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENTS, INSTRUCTIONS TO CITIZENS

Families of Army Personnel

GF241320 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1300 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] We inform the families of the brave fighting personnel of the Islamic Republic's Army in Bushehr that their relatives at the army bases are safe. Their morale is very high and strong. Therefore, we announce that families should avoid contacting these bases for defense and security reasons and to avoid possible danger and stoppage of work in the headquarters. Do not assembly near these bases and be assured that any news will be reported to you.

Bushehr operations headquarters

Citizens With Military Training Called

GF241342 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1310 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Announcement No 23 issued by Kazerun coordination headquarters; date not given]

[Text] Dear brave fighter, please pay attention to the following points:

1. All resistance group leaders trained by the mobilization organization, contact the headquarters for mobilization of the oppressed immediately so we can take the necessary coordination actions.

2. All members who are armed and ready for battle, come to the mobilization headquarters with your arms at 1500 today for organization and coodination.

3. All those who have served in antiaircraft divisions, contact the mobilization headquarters at 1700 today.

In the hope of complete victory over the heathens.

[Signed] The headquarters for coordination of Kazerun operations.

Loss of Contact With Tehran Radio

GF241807 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1758 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] As our citizens are not respecting the blackout, the power department had to cut the power. As a result, we have lost reception of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic. We will resume contact in a few minutes. You are once again requested to respect the blackout regulations. Thank you.

STATEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE TO TEHRAN LISTENERS

Mosques To Supply Fighters

LD241826 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1530 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Dear listeners, the organization of the mobilization of the oppressed has issued the following statement:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Following the previous statement [unspecified], it is required of all Tehran mosques--those bases for prayer and struggle--each to earmark a group of 22 people who have undergone military training for preparation for an assignment as soon as possible, and to send them to the headquarters of the mobilization of the oppressed, situated in the Imam Khomeyni Mosque in the bazaar, with a written recommendation by 2100 on 24 September.

These groups, after gathering at the Imam Khomeyni Mosque, will be dispatched to the west of the country. In the meantime, for the required coordination and to obtain more information, people can contact the central organizat on of the mobilization of the oppressed on telephone numbers (891883), and (899349).

Qom Clergy To Fight

LD241416 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1120 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] According to PARS, the following statement has been issued by the propaganda office of Qom seminary:

In His exalted name.

Following the repeated requests made by the students and learned clergy of the seminary, who have announced their readiness to take part in the holy jihad and to fight in the war which American imperialism has imposed upon us through the puppet Ba'thist regime of Iraq, this office has arranged for the quick dispatch of the brother clergymen to fight alongside their brothers in the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and military personnel in the south and west of the country. In this way, they will be able to open a new chapter in the Islamic Revolution of Iran by their unprecedented bravery.

It is hoped that the roots of corruption and decadence will be cut out and destroyed forever and that we will attain honor and victory under the inspirational guidance of the great leader of the Iranian revolution, Imam Khomeyni--may his lofty influence increase.

Execution of Iraqi Pilots

GF241605 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1500 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] According to reliable sources in Beirut, a large group of officers and soldiers in Baghdad's At-Taji camp have fled from the camp. The reports add that more than 40 percent of the personnel at At-Taji camp--which is a very important Iraqi Army camp--have fled during the past month.

According to another report from Baghdad, three Iraqi pilots were executed by a firing squad yesterday morning. The pilots refused to bomb Iranian territory. An informed source in Baghdad has confirmed these reports and added that following the bombing of bases and airports in the Islamic Republic of Iran, rebellion among the ranks of the Iraqi Army intensified. As a result, the Iraqi Government called senior army officers and discussed the issue with them in an emergency session in order to take the necessary measures. There have been no reports on this emergency session, but it is believed that the execution of the three pilots was one of the outcomes of this emergency session.

EGYPTIAN PILOT CAPTURED IN ATTEMPT TO STRAFE ESFAHAM

GF241546 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1522 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Excerpt] A communique issued by the Joint Staff Command of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army says that an Egyptian pilot was captured after bailing out in his parachute near the town of (Shahrkur), following an abortive attempt to strafe Esfahan. The Islamic Republic's artillery shot down his attacking aircraft.

The participation of agent mercenaries of imperialism and Zionism in the dirty war that is being imposed on the Islamic Republic of Iran is proof of the extent of the puppet Ba'thist Iraqi regime's agentry to U.S. imperialism and Zionism in striking at the Islamic Revolution in Iran. The participation of Egyptian mercenaries on the side of the puppet Iraqi Ba'thist regime's forces is not strange.

KERMANSHAH GOVERNORATE GENERAL APPEALS TO CITIZENS

LD241738 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1701 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] Kermanshah: According to a PARS dispatch, the Kermanshah Governorate General issued statements in connection with the recent incidents in the region which called on the people to remain vigilant vis-a-vis rumormongers and to keep their cool in dealing with problems. The Kermanshsh Governorate General also appealed for help from the inhabitants of the province in rendering relief to others. Refraining from smoking cigarettes laced with narcotics (?manufactured in Baghdad), attaining combat readiness, observing the directions and advice given by the oppressed mobilization, particularly pertaining to carrying out the blackout program, identifying hoarders and those who overcharge, and economizing in the purchase of public victuals.

ABADAN RADIO APPEALS FOR MUSLIM SUPPORT AGAINST IRAQ

GF241956 Abadan NIOC in Arabic 1905 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Unattributed appeal]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. God says in his book: If two groups of believers should fight among themselves, reconcile them. If one group commits aggression against the other, fight the aggressor until it returns to God.

O Muslims in Iraq. O Muslims in the Arab Emirates. O nation of the Koran. O sons of Muhammad. O free men of the world everywhere. It has been proven to you that the Ba'thist rulers of Iraq have harbored hostility toward the Iranian Islamic Revolution ever since its advocate has raised the slogan: God is great. They went to its leader in An-Najaf and asked him to carry out his religious responsibilities placed on his shoulders by God and his prophet. When he refused they compelled him to leave Islamic Iraq and the homeland of the Muslims. He took refuge to Kuwait, the country of Muslims, however, the rulers of Kuwait closed the door in the face of the Islamic leader, the Imam Khomeyni, in order to protect their friendship and good relations with the agent of the United States and Israel the enemy of Islam and Arabism, Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

When the oppressed people of Iran triumphed they did not like this and began to fight the Iranian revolution, its leaders and its people by all methods. When they despaired after all their attempts they resorted to the ugliest means in history. They attacked Muslim Iran and began to destroy what their friend, Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, left. They killed many innocent Muslims in their inhumane campaign. Here they are today mercilessly and unhesitatingly killing defenseless children, women and the old and destroying their homes and property.

O Muslims everywhere. Take to task the rulers of the neighboring Muslim countries. Ask them if they have accomplished any action compatible with honest government? If two groups of Muslims should fight among themselves, reconcile them, and if one group commits aggression against the other, fight the aggressor until it returns to God. Then what about those rulers claiming to be Muslims who support the aggressor when it has become clear to all Muslims that the Ba'thist clique in Iraq is the aggressor?

O Muslims of Iraq. O Muslims of the world. Stand in the face of the tyrants and stop them, otherwise, they will put an end to you and to your Islam and enslave you after God has created you free. O free men of the world, know that the current war between Iran and Iraq is a war between Islam and infidels, between justice and falsehood. A Muslims, ask the tyrannical rulers to take themselves to task before their Muslim peoples, who believe in God and his prophet, take them to task. God's peace and benedictions be upon you.

AT-TURFI RAILS AGAINST 'SATANIC' SADDAM, RUMORMONGERING

GF241230 Abadan NIOC Radio in Arabic 0945 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Appeal issued by Hojjat ol-Eslam Shaykh 'Isa at-Turfi to Khuzestan Arabs, no date given--recorded]

[Excerpts] O Muslims in Iran. O believers in Khuzestan. O zealous Arabs in our dear home. O our people in struggling Khuzestan. Satan has footsteps and plans. The book of God, the book of your lord, forbids you to follow the footsteps and plans of Satan by saying: O you who believe, do not follow in Satan's footsteps.

You are the true believers because you act in accordance with the teachings of Islam and follow its directives. God has addressed you by saying: O you who believe, do not follow Satan's footsteps. Satan frequently speaks in the voice of followers. This is not strange, because Satan calls his party to stir up fear and worry in the hearts of the believers. The strange thing is to find a group of Muslims who are not aware of Satan's evil whispers, tricks and temptations. They spread fear and anxiety in the minds and hearts of believers by uttering these worthless words, which only inflict harm. They say the Ba'thist army is near us, has started disturbing us in our territory and so on and so forth. These are worthless and terrifying rumors that have no purpose other than stirring up fear in the hearts of those with weak faith and men, women and children of weak spirit.

These Satanic whispers and damaging activities are illegal, especially at this sensitive period and in our present situation. Instead of doing this, they must spread words and statements resulting in strengthening the people and helping them remain steadfast in their struggle and confrontation of the agent Ba'thist party and traitor Saddam, who is the enemy of Islam, humanity and morality. If Saddam wins this battle he will not leave any Muslims alive as part of his service to his American masters.

O sons of our believing people. Who is Saddam, and what is his value that makes him think he can reach the country of the believers and Muslims. Saddam is being confronted by mountains of marble and fortresses of steel that will destroy all his forces and turn them into dust. He is being confronted by our brave army that consists of revolution guards, gendarmes, and the heroes of the army, navy and air force. Does Saddam have an army as large, well-trained, strong or faithful as ours? We are armed with the true belief and the strong faith for which we fight. We are at the service of the great man of Islam, the great man of the revolution. He is one of the Islamic scholars who only speak in accordance with the Koran and the teachings of the prophet, may God's peace be upon him and his family.

Believing in God is the weapon of Muslims on this Earth. Saddam's army is more than 25 percent the size of our army. They are scum who fear Saddam and are servants of the colonizer. They fight without conscience; they fight in a terrified state.

How can Saddam win the battle and reach our territory while the believing people of Iraq are constantly trying to topple him. According to reports that have reached us from Baghdad, Baghdad has revolted against Saddam in a heroic way that will soon destroy him and his party, if God wills.

We have received confirmed reports from Al-Basrah and its suburbs that it is in a state of rebellion against Saddam; they have faith that success will occur soon. He has imposed a curfew on these regions--just as the shah did when his last days were approaching--and these days are certainly Saddam's last days.

O our brothers. O sons of our dear home. Wake up and do not be deceived by these rumors whether they are uttered by some of the disbelievers or by those who serve Saddam and have sold their consciences to him. Do not pay attention to their poisoned words and distorted reports. Be steadfast on the path of Islam, the path of Imam Khomeyni, his companion Muslim scholars and the path of the revolution guard. Know well that you are victorious and successful. You are the followers of truth, and truth will always be victorious.

IRAN DENIES ATTACKING IRAQI CIVILIAN TARGETS

JN251947 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0630 GMT 25 Sep 80

[From "Today's Iraq on Al-Husayn's Path"]

[Excerpts] To the sons of our Muslim people in Iraq: The Ba'thist mass media in Baghdad announced that the forces of the Islamic Republic have proceeded to bomb civilian targets, and the agent radios (?follow siut). While we strongly deny such exposed lies, we would like to affirm to you, brothers, that our army--the Army of the Islamic Republic--is far from being one to carry out such ignoble practices. Indeed, he who does not hesitate to perpetrate terrible and bloody massacres in our struggling Iraq is he who does not hesitate to bomb civilian targets; he who assassinated Ayatollah Mohammad Baqer as-Sadr is he who does not hesitate to strike at civilians.

Until recently, our army, which believes in God and religion, waged a war of defense in order not to kill any of our Muslim Iraqi people, who are forced to stand on the border. The Islamic Republic's Army will only attack military targets since it has faith and honor and fears God, all of which prevent it from striking at civilian targets. Dear Iraqi sons, be reassured that our Muslim army has not and will not attack innocent souls since it is the army of faith, Islam and martyrdom. Indeed, it is your army and the army of all the world's oppressed.

IRAQIS WARNED TO AVOID 'CAMPS, MILITARY POSITIONS'

JN251116 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1048 GMT 25 Sep 80

[Text] Call to the Iraqi people, call to the Iraqi Army: O sons of the Euphrates, the eagles of the Iranian revolution are continuously carrying out their military air operations and continue their extensive air raids on the camps and military positions.

Thus, we ask the brother Iraqis to stay away from all those camps and positions in order to evade any possible losses.

ISLAMIC AD-DA'WAH PARTY ISSUES STATEMENT ON FIGHTING

JN241610 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0845 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Statement issued by the Islamic Ad-Da'wah Party--date and place not given]

[TEXT] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. To all faithful elements of the Ad-Da'wah Party. May the peace and blessings of God be on you. From the time God willed the blessed Islamic Revolutions's victory, with the efforts and sacrifices of our Islamic nation in Iran, under Imam Khomeyni, the colonialist enemies of Islam and their agents in the region began to work in all possible ways to weaken the young state of Islam, to destroy it and to check its influence on the rest of the regions of Islam.

They prepared the agent regime in Iraq to play a principal role in this, in view of Iraq's proximity to the Islamic state and given the fact that Iraq is in a position to witness an Islamic Revolution like that in Iran as a result of the strong current of the Islamic movement.

The Iraqi Government accepted this new role, as noted by the Western press, and Saddam began to implement the plan of fantastic annihilation. The number of innocent martyrs has grown to about 5,000, led by martyr Ayatollah as-Sadr, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. The number of those detained in prison cells and under savage torture has anounted to tens of thousands. At the same time, the Iraqi regime began to escalate its enmity to the Islamic Republic of Iran to such an estent that it finally mobilized its military forces and opened the battle along the entire border with the Islamic state, thus exhibiting its agentry to the West and expressing its determination to fight the rising Islamic entity, which shook both the West and East and inspired new hope for the Islamic nation.

The border war launched by the agent regime is a war waged by this hegemonistic regime for Western atheism and colonialism, against the Muslims' entity in Iran and against what this entity represents in Islamic doctrine, law and in the Muslims' interests and aspirations. This regime's pretexts that it has the right to a few kilometers of land or the alleged right to run river navigation or to help the Muslim Arabs in Iran become liberated, or its allegation that this is a confrontation between the pre-Islamic Persian nationalism and pre-Islamic Arab nationalism, or other pretexts and allegations, are only guises the agent regime hopes to use as a cover for its colonialist role, to delude our Islamic nation.

In the face of this wicked plot, which is an attempt to make the Muslim sons of the Iraqi Army the colonialist fuel and tool for striking against Islam and Muslims, our Islamic duty makes it incumbent on us to exert our maximum efforts in all regions and sectors of the nation to repulse this atheist onslaught and to turn this battle into a heavy blow dealt to the enemies of Islam, as well as to escalate the revolution of our movement and of our Muslim people in Iraq, in order to topple the atheist Western regime and to establish the regime of Islam.

The noble members of the Ad-Da'wah Party must shoulder their heavy and sacred Islamic responsibility in upholding Islam and striking against its enemies. They must acquaint the nation with its enemies' plots and with how they fight the Islamic surge that began in Iran. They must enlighten this nation as to its legitimate responsibility in upholding Islam and striking against its enemies. They must acquaint the nation with its enemies' plots and with how they fight the Islamic surge that began in Iran. They must enlighten this nation as to its legitimate responsibility at this turning point in the history of the march of Islam. Every member must carry out his public duty in this battle and must be absolutely alert and ready to thoroughly carry out the orders and instructions of the Ad-Da'wah Party, which will be communicated to him by means of personal contact or via the Islamic radio for those who have no contact.

God will certainly aid those who aid his (cause) for verily God is full of strength, exalted in might. (They are) those who, if we establish them in the land, establish regular prayer and give regular charity, enjoin the right and forbid wrong: With God rests the end (and decision) of (all) affairs. [Koranic verse] May the peace and blessings of God be upon you.

[Signed] The Islamic Ad-Da'wah Party

GILAN GOVERNOR GENERAL COMMENTS ON CLOSING USSR CONSULATE

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[PARS NEWS AGENCY report: "Closure of Soviet Consulate in Rasht"]

[Text] In a statement issued last Thursday the Soviet consulate in Rasht announced that, in accordance with the decision by the USSR Government, that country's consulate in Rasht would close down beginning 20 September.

The statement also announced that the USSR always desired expansion of its relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran on the basis of the equality of rights, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and noninterference in each others' internal affairs.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman commented to the PARS NEWS AGENCY: "Following the 48-hour ultimatum delivered 10 days ago by the Foreign Ministry to the Soviet Consulate demanding its closure, officials asked the Foreign Ministry for an extension to the evacuation deadline, and this was agreed to in a memorandum". The Foreign Ministry spokesman added: "In a memorandum today, the Soviet Consulate in Rasht announced its closure beginning 20 September, which is a legitimate demand of the Iranian people."

Last Thursday, the Soviet consul in Rasht, Viktor Osipov, met with Governor-General of Gilan engineer Ansari for talks. Discussions terminated at about 1400 hours and, in a PARS interview on the topics discussed, the governor-general commented:

"The first matter to be discussed was that of the closure of the Soviet Consulate in Rasht and, as previously decided, the premises are to be closed by 20 September. We know that the Soviet Union involved itself in the removal of the furniture from the Iranian Consulate in Leningrad, and we in turn shall assist in the removal of the furniture from these premises, in company with security officials.

"Second, the Soviet consul complained about the slogans around the consulate walls describing the premises as a 'den of espionage,' and in reply I said that 'this was the natural reaction of our Muslim n a tion to the slaughter the Russians have carried out in Afghanistan, since the Afghan people are our brothers, and you must reconsider your treatment of Third World countries.'"

The governor-general of Gilan added: "During the talks, the Russian consul said: 'Since Iran is blocked to the south, we too took up positions on the northern borders.'" Engineer Ansari continued: "I felt that this remark by the Soviet consul was something of a threat, and I therefore replied: 'Our people have prepared themselves for any sort of hardship and they will carry the revolution forward. Our people are prepared to suffer hunger but will never abandon their revolution, and actions of this sort on your part will have no effect.'"

Another topic discussed at the meeting was that of an economic protocol under which 1.7 million tons of goods would be imported via the Soviet Union during the coming year.

On the subject of the involvement of Russian officials in the evacuation of the Iranian Consulate in Leningrad, the governor-general of Gilan said: "When the Iranian Consulate was evacuated, the Russians brought along transport to the consulate, and after the furniture had been removed they received payment for the transportation. "In return, in order to preserve greater security for the Russian diplomats in Rasht, we shall remove their furniture in company with security officials, so that no instances of misunderstanding or possible confrontation with the Muslim people of Rasht can arise."

KEYHAN'S YAZDI, SUNNI CLERGY DISCUSS SISTAN VA BALUCHESTAN

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[Unidentified KEYHAN correspondent report on 16 September meeting between KEYHAN Chief Editor Ibrahim Yazdi and Sunni religious leaders: "More consideration Should Be Given To Sistan va Baluchestan"]

[Excerpts] A group of Sunni clergymen visited the KEYHAN offices yesterday afternoon and met with acting KEYHAN Chief Editor and People's Deputy of the Islamic Consultative Assembly Dr Ibrahim Yazdi. They brought up their problems in the fields of economics, education, religion and security, and the demands of the people of Sistan va Baluchestan. Dr Yazdi promised every type of assistance to eliminate these problems. The group then replied to questions from KEYHAN correspondents.

[Question] Would you explain why you have come to KEYHAN?

[Answer] Mowalvi Shahdad: We have come here to take part in a unity convention which was called to improve relations with our brothers and also to air our problems.

[Question] What are the main problems in Sistan va Baluchestan today?

[Answer] [Respondents not further named] There are numerous inadequacies: the economy, culture and agriculture of Baluchestan are paralyzed. There is of course much land, but deep wells and pump motors are required. There are many unfinished roads. Jobs must be created in Sistan va Baluchestan, that is to say, factories, schools and a university must be set up to stop youth from going abroad.

Demands of the Sunni Clergy

[Question] What are your demands as Sunni clergymen?

[Answer] In the first place, radio and television should not insult Sunni rites and should speak with more care. These insults are leveled against our brother Sunnis on the pretext of fighting counterrevolution and in order to create strife and discord. Newspapers should refrain from printing items attacking Sunni clergy and rites, and Sunni clergymen should serve on judicial and administrative tribunals as Shi'ite clergymen do in other cities.

One of the Sunni clergy's most important demands is that the qualifications of the Sunni clergy, who have spent their lives studying in Pakistan, should be evaluated and that they should be employed in education and at theological centers. The clergy should be active in the educational system so that youth will not be led astray. At present, nonreligious persons have penetrated education and are inciting youths. If the clergy are employed in education, youth will not be led astray.

[Question] How far is it true to say that there are differences between Shi'ite and Sunni? If this is not true, who is responsible for this problem being brought up and discussed?

Minor Difficulties

[Answer] The differences between the Shi'ite school and the four Sunni schools are of a minor nature; however, the former regime strove to emphasize and enlarge these differences in order to preserve its own interests. These differences are not of a comprehensive nature and are gradually being eliminated.

After the success of the revolution, we have had no points of disagreement of a kind that might lead to mutual rancor.

[Question] Have the revolutionary institutions in Sistan va Baluchestan proved productive and have they been active?

[Answer] To do it justice, the holy war for reconstruction has taken pains, and has been hard at work, but these revolutionary institutions do not have adequate resources. Both the holy war for reconstruction and the guards corps have rendered effective service but the government must make more facilities available to these institutions and support them.

The Mowlavi gentlemen added: "However, so long as the other offices remain unpurged, revolutionary work cannot be accomplished." They expressed their appreciation of the governor of Saravan, whom they described as a "concerned and revolutionary person."

[Question] Are there other problems in Sistan va Baluchestan connected with the people?

[Answer] There is the important problem of poverty. There is no trade in Sistan va Baluchestan. Livelihoods are gained in one of two ways; either by fleeing abroad to gain a living, or by smuggling. This is due to the absence of legitimate employment in the region. In order to solve these problems, factories and production centers should be built and the mines should be worked.

Dr Yazdi's Proposals

At this point, Dr Yazdi proposed that "a bureau should be set up to coordinate work on the elimination of problems and difficulties in Sistan va Baluchestan, and several of you should stay here and follow up your problems."

Dr Yazdi went on: "We are anxious that your problems be solved as soon as possible, and you will find me at your service when it comes to cases I am asked to solve."

Referring to remarks by the Sunni theologians, Dr Yazdi said: "Yours is a heavy responsibility; you have to attend to the ideological needs of youth, and if their attitudes become perverted, you will be held responsible. You must inculcate ideological development among the young, in the same way that the Shi'ite clergy have succeeded in setting them on the move. Unfortunately, the march of progressive Islam has not yet reached certain Sunni regions. You are the ones who must lead the youth and the people in Baluchestan toward Islam. Our evolution is an Islamic one; it has strengthened your position among the Baluchis, and there is greater regard and sympathy for you among the people."

Dr Yazdi said: Initially, the khans of Baluchestan would not allow measures to be taken, and they incited the people against the government and the holy war for reconstruction, but now the people have realized that this holy war has come to serve them, to dig wells and install electricity, and they are saying that "if they are working for us, why should we prevent them from doing so?"

[Question] What measures do you have for the Baluchi people?

Attention to Theological Seminaries

[Answer] We hope that attention will be paid to the theological seminaries of Sistan va Baluchestan, that Sunni clergy will be employed by the education offices and courts of justice, that qualifications of theologians who have worked hard and studied theology for 15-20 years abroad in such countries as Pakistan will be evaluated and that they will be employed in a beneficial manner, and that the people on the border will be given jobs, so that they do not go elsewhere but remain to protect the homeland. [answer ends]

Dr Yazdi also had a message for the Majlis to the effect that the Sunni religion should be taken into account when approving laws.

FVOI: EMPRESS FARAH BLAMES KHOMEYNI REGIME FOR FIGHTING

NC231605 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Message from "Her Majesty Shahbanu Farah" of Iran on "Recent Incidents in Iran"--read by announcer--date not given]

[Text] It is with great regret that we see that due to the shortsightedness of the illegal and tyrannical regime a part of the territory of our dear homeland, Iran, has been attacked by the armed forces of a country which had very friendly neighborly relations with our country until the latter part of 1979 and which had solved all its border problems with us with good understanding and mutual respect.

This regrettable incident is another example of the critical situation in Iran today and a manifestation of the shortsightedness, lack of policy and (?helplessness) of opportunists who, in order to establish their illegal rule and to preserve their personal interests and positions, went so far as to (?separate) our dear Iran.

As an Iranian and the mother of the crown prince of Iran, and being very well aware of the historic responsibility which I have, I hope that with the help of God Almighty and the aspiration of all (?noble) Iranians, this illegal and tyrannical period and [word indistinct] will soon be ended.

I am confident that the valorous officers and second class air technicians [homafaran], the NCO's and the Iranian soldiers, as well as each and every noble compatriot will, by intensifying their resistance against the usurpers of rule in Iran, defend the [word indistinct] Iranian nationality.

I am sure that very soon after the freeing of the country from the claws of the present tyrannical regime, while preserving Iran's territorial integrity, good-neighborly relations based on mutual respect will be established with each and every neighboring country.

Khomeyni Regime 'Drowning'

NC241537 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Announcement from Iranian liberation forces to Iran]

[Text] Compatriots, [words indistinct]. The bloodthirsty regime is about to fall. The anti-Iranian and antihuman regime of Khomeyni is drowning in the eddy of its own crimes. Compatriots, seize the opportunity and prepare yourselves for the fate-determining struggle. While doing so, identify the mullahs who are getting ready to flee. We have been informed that many of them have packed their bags; do not allow them to flee.

Do not let the bloodthirsty committees get away and go into hiding.

Identify the criminal revolution guards and committees.

Place the officials of the reconstruction crusade--this security arm of the criminal regime--under your surveillance; do not let them flee.

Identify the houses of the mullahs of the so-called Islamic Majlis; do not let them get away.

Ignore the threats and warnings of the terror-stricken regime; the regime of the mullahs, with fear and terror, is inhaling its last breaths and is shaking with fear.

Inflict any blow against it; do not obey orders.

Compatriots: Do not lose this great opportunity for salvation.

'RADIO IRAN' ALLEGES QOTBZADEH HAS FLED

NC241418 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Text] With the intensification of war between Iraq and the Islamic Republic and the further overtness of the struggle of the Iranian people against the despotic regime of Khomeyni, intense fear has overtaken leaders of the regime. According to reports, many of the major officials of the regime of the Islamic Republic want to flee Iran. An unconfirmed report states that Sadeq Qotbzadeh, the famous personality of the Islamic Republic, has fled Iran.

NVOI CRITICIZES IRAQI AGGRESSION AS BENEFITING U.S. IMPERIALISM

TA242000 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 24 Sep 80

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Dear compatriots: At a press conference held in the presence of correspondents and representatives of the press and the foreign and domestic mass media our country's president, Mr Bani-Sadr, spoke about the border clashes between our country and Iraq and replied to correspondents' questions. According to our country's president, the Iraqi Government claims the Algiers of 1975 has allegedly not been observed by the Iranian side, and therefore the Iraqi Armed Forces saw fit to start an aggressive war against Iran. The president stressed that the attacks of Iraqi planes on our country's territory are continuing and that the ground attacks of the Iraqi forces on new areas have intensified.

First of all we deem it necessary to point out that in our world the settlement of problems and differences between two countries, be they border or territorial differences, by resorting to force and military power cannot be justified and exonerated. If the Iraqi Government had or still has an objection regarding its border agreement with Iran, the possibility always existed and continues to exist even today to discuss it with us either directly or through any country and government which it desires. Unfortunately, in the past the Iraqi authorities did not apply this method accepted by the world community, the method of negotiation, to resolve the differences which they themselves had put forward. Apart from this incorrect attitude contrary to the principle of neighborliness, another important point which draws attention is the concentration and assembly in our neighboring country, Iraq, of all the black forces opposed to the revolution and revolutionary gains of our Islamic Republic.

Even the Iraqi progressive newspapers and organizations acknowledge that filthy and executioner elements such as Palizban, Zahedi and Ashraf, the former shah's sister, or Bakhtiar, the servant of the United States and hundreds of officers of the former shah's army and Savakists are now living in Iraq, and are plotting against Iran and our nation's revolution. The world's newspapers and press also acknowledge that the armed and separatist groups in our country's western border strip enjoy the financial and military support of Iraqi authorities.

By taking all this into consideration one can comprehend the [word indistinct] and the nature of the conflicts which have now been imposed on our country. Conflicts which ultimately, not only do not benefit us or the Muslim nation of Iraq, but actually benefit world-devouring U.S. imperialism and its plundering allies.

This statement by our homeland's president is a correct statement, that according to our belief and opinion we are not aggressors and do not have any aggressive designs. According to these same beliefs, we cannot see even an inch of our country's territory being occupied by the alien. Even if we use as a basis of judgment the news and reports of the world's news agencies, especially Western sources--who are primarily opposed to our Islamic Republic and the Iranian revolution--it is clear that the attack and aggression was launched by Iraq on our country. In these conditions defense of our country's borders and territorial integrity is the [word indistinct] duty and undeniable right of every Iranian. It is for this reason that one can and should agree with this statement of our homeland's president: Our defense of the Islamic Revolution is the defense of a homeland and nation that for centuries lived under certain conditions which it no longer wishes to retain.

Wihtout doubt our homeland's people will confront with claws and teeth any danger that threatens the Iranian revolution, Iran's independence and freedom and our revolutionary gains, from whatever government and country that this danger may arise, and progressive mankind and all liberated nations support our nation on this path.

Contrary to the spreading of poison and fallacious reasoning of a certain group that always desires to fish in troubled waters and exploits any issue and even to level unjust charges against our northern neighbor, it is obvious from the remarks of our country's president in this press conference that our northern neighbor condemns any aggressive act by any government aimed at Iran. Mr Bani-Sadr said: On the basis of the Soviet ambassador's statement, the Soviet Government told the Iraqi Government that it does not concur with this aggressive act. It seems that with this frankness there would be no place for any doubt, insinuations and ambiguity whatsoever, although unfortunately there are still those who have not desisted from this customary habit of theirs.

The border clashes between our country and Iraq have once again demonstrated the true nature of world-devouring America, with Carter saying that the Iranian-Iraqi clashes may have a positive effect on the release of the hostages. In a meeting our country's president and prime minister held with the ambassadors of Islamic countries, Mr Raja'i, the prime minister, rightly stated that from the outset of our revolution the U.S. Government has strived to divert this Islamic Revolution from its path in any way it could. Covert attempts started following the occupation of the spy den, and its overt attempts, under the pretext of freeing the hostages, met with failure. Following defeat, the United States abandoned the idea of direct attack on Iran, and now with the assistance of Iraq it is launching aggression against our Islamic Republic. He stressed that Iraq did not undertake any political and human movement to solve its problem.

In any event what is certain is that war and bloodshed and military clashes do not benefit nations, especially the nations of our region. While we believe that every inch of the territory of our homeland should be resolutely defended in the face of any aggression by any force and power and that the aggressor should be repulsed, at the same time we firmly believe that war and military clashes benefit world-devouring U.S. imperialism. While showing resistance and defending Iran's territorial integrity, we should exert all our efforts to seek peaceful solutions.

NVOI CONDEMNS U.S. STRATEGY OF MIDEAST 'WAR BASES'

TA221853 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 19 Sep 80

[Unattributed commentary: "The Nations Condemn the Strategy of Creating U.S. Military Bases"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The Carter administration has placed as the basis of its militaristic policy in the Middle East the strategy of creating war bases. The objective is to establish control over the exploitation and export of Middle East oil. In order to solve this problem, the United States, violating all international mores and laws, has even declared the territories of the countries (?adjacent) to the shores of the Persian Gulf as an integral part of its so-called vital interests.

Of course they are falsely and hypocritically declaring in Washington that the increase in U.S. military preparations in the vicinity of the Persian Gulf is allegedly aimed at releasing the American spy hostages from our country. We are all aware, however, that the freeing of the American hostages is no more than a pretext and an excuse, for if the Americans had accepted the legitimate conditions and demands of the Iranian nation they could have solved this problem a long time ago.

The Iranian nation is demanding that the United States return to Iran the plundered property of the former shah--which amounts to billions of dollars--release Iran's assets in U.S. banks and put an end to its shameful interventions in our homeland's internal affairs. Recent facts and evidence, however, prove that the United States has not only not desisted from resorting to subversive acts against the Islamic Republic, but is continuing these activities on a larger scale.

The strategy of establishing war bases--which has been planned by the Pentagon--is entering the implementation stage, and this fact jeopardizes the revolutionary gains of our nation and will enslave a number of the oil-rich countries of the Persian Gulf. The U.S. strategy of establishing war bases in the vicinity of the Persian Gulf region relies on traitors to national liberation movements; and foremost of all on Egyptian President as-Sadat, Somalian President Siad Barre and the rulers of Kenya, who have sold their country's ports and airfields to the United States for dollars, and have thus exposed peace in the Persian Gulf region and their own countries' security and national sovereignty to danger. It must not be forgotten that the ports that have been put at the disposal of the Americans in these countries are not only for plotting against Iran but will also be utilized by the United States for plotting against all the oil-rich countries of the Persian Gulf.

In Washington they are not hiding the fact that the purpose of the military bases in the vicinity of the Persian Gulf is to realize the plan of establishing a regime preferred by the United States in our country and for the continuous export of oil from this area to the West, Israel and the racist South African regime. The U.S. strategy of creating military bases where the Asian and African continents interest has placed before it the duty of crushing any anti-imperialist movement and of establishing gendarme-like and oppressive systems in the oil producing countries of the Persian Gulf.

In its military adventures in the Persian Gulf and the Middle East the United States relies mainly on its subservient puppets in Egypt and Israel. As-Sadat has for a long time now been blindly participating in the implementation of the aggressive policy of the United States and its adventurous military activities in the Arabian east. Recently, an agreement was concluded between Egypt and the United States to turn over the Egyptian war base at Ra's Banas to the United States, where the U.S. will deploy military units of its 18,000-man force. A variety of military equipment and 2,000 soldiers will be dispatched to this base by air. The U.S. press writes openly that this part of the U.S. rapid deployment force has the task of [word indistince] militarily against our country, which is to be carried out in mid-October.

Moreover, Egypt has been transformed into a den of counterrevolutionary elements who have fled Iran following the overthrow of the staanic re_ime. Evidence indicates that approximately 2,500 military personnel of the former shah's army, Savakists, monarchists and other mercenaries have received military training and have been equipped at Egypt's barracks and military institutions and are being prepared for aggression against our homeland.

Our nation, like all the nations of the Persian Gulf region, is consistently and decisively mobilizing itself to thwart the plots of the United States. The nations of our region strongly condemn the policy of the United States in forging a new alliance with the participation of Egypt and Israel--aimed at replacing the disintegrated CENTO alliance--for the purpose of preserving the plundering interests of U.S. imperialism in the Near and Middle East.

NVOI COMMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL, DOMESTIC ISSUES

19 Sep Commentary

TA202052 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 19 September carried a commentary entitled: "What Force Do Irresponsible Elements and Club Wielders Rely On?" It said: Two months have passed since the general public prosecutor's statement of 27 July stating that different people, without receiving any orders from the responsible officials, attacked and occupied offices and headquarters of groups and some newspapers. In the Islamic regime and the government of law, resorting to such acts, in addition to being against the law, is against the holy Koran. These sort of actions are a good excuse and create favorable grounds for the counterrevolution to hide behind in order to carry out its sinister plans. Such actions only result in disorder.

The 27 July statement said that people resorting to such actions will be prosecuted under the law and that all occupied areas should be turned over to the general public prosecutor's office. Ayatollah Musavi Ardabili, Iran's general public prosecutor, said that any disorder, any opposition to the Constitution and the clear laws of Islam will inflict irreparable damage on the revolution.

This statement by the general public prosecutor and his other declarations prove that he supports the precise implementation of the constitutional law and safeguarding this law from the plots of enemies of the revolution and world-devouring U.S. imperialism. But despite all this, offices and headquarters of parties and organizations true to and united with the revolution are still being occupied by irresponsible elements. In our country today, not only do these elements burn books, papers and magazines, but occupy the offices of political parties and organizations, plunder the furniture and even put it on sale in the market.

Now that 2 months have passed since the general public prosecutor passed this law, these acts are still continuing and the people justly ask what hands are overtly supporting world-devouring U.S. imperialism and the counterrevolution. This is a dangerous game with the fate of the revolution, and it should be ended.

20 Sep Commentary

GF201929 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 20 September carried a commentary entitled: "British Colonialism Is an Ally of U.S. Imperialism in Plots Against our Country." It said: The voluntary closure of the British Embassy in Tehran is a sign that the british want to remain free from any threat while participating in U.S. plots against Iran. Our nation should be watching the future plots of the British with revolutionary zeal and preparing to defeat them. When we look at our country's recent history, we find that many problems were due to British colonialism. This policy forced Reza Khan on the nation as the shah, and during his reign the British plundered Iran freely. The same force instigated the 19 August coup against our nation in cooperation with U.S. imperialism. The British have been complete partners in U.S. imperialism's plundering in Iran. Since the revolution, we cannot mention one plot against Iran that the British have not been involved in. Now, the British, having closed their embassy in Iran, have the opportunity to enter the field without any hindrances and continue their plots against our country.

As we know, authorities in the United States and Great Britain--through their intelligence departments--have devised the formation of an Iranian government in exile and intend to announce the son of the former shah as the new king in exile, thus implementing their satanic decisions. The Western press has written much about this plot. Documents indicate that they intend to separate part of our country in a plot, form a false government and then expand this to the rest of Iran. Observers link the closure of the British Embassy to this plot. A large group of counterrevolutionary elements are presently preparing for the plot in Great Britain.

The danger of this joint plot cannot be ignored. Imperialism intends to deal blows to the revolution in Iran from within as well as without. In such times we should be prepared to defeat such plots. All revolutionary forces should unite to defend our homeland and revolution. The Islamic Republic is in danger, and it is up to us to foil these plots with our unity.

21 Sep Commentary

GF211940 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 21 September carried a commentary entitled: "The Combatant and Revolutionary Youth of our Homeland Are on the Frontline in the Struggle Against U.S. Imperialism." It said: The new academic year will begin soon and millions of our youth will be returning to school. There is no doubt that our education system is lacking in many aspects due to the policies of the idolatrous former regime. Some decisions in the system have also been taken on the basis of internal conflicts and without scientific considerations. However, the most important point is that the destiny of our revolution is under constant attack by counterrevolutionaries and especially their British and American masters.

Enemies of the Iranian revolution try to use any occurrence against Iran in an attempt to divide the nation and the true forces of the revolution. The eventual aim is to replace the government with a fascist regime that suits the tastes of the British and Americans.

If we cannot see these tricks between their false propaganda we have not learned our history lessons. In any occurrence, be it social, economic, cultural or political, we should recognize the main problem. In our present situation the important thing is to protect the achievements of the revolution and ensure the continuation of the Islamic Republic.

The enemy is trying to use our educational problems to their advantage. They have been preparing for this for months and are trying to instigate unrest among our youth through false propaganda. This has attracted the attention of the authorities in our country. In his Friday sermon, Ayatollah Montazeri referred to the plots of the counter-revolutionaries. He said they intend to begin agitating against Islam and the republic in the schools and streets on 23 September. He has asked students around the country to march on this day and show their hatred of such attempts.

Ayatollah Khamene'i has also referred to these counterrevolutionary plots in his sermons and has brought them to the attention of our youth. He has indicated his awareness of a plot to stop the education of our youth and said that all schoolchildren should be aware of the fact that the day the schools open the work of the enemy will begin.

These warnings by our authorities are serious. Our youth have been involved in the revolution and are now defending our country against the counterrevolution and its American, Ba'thist, Egyptian and Israeli supporters. They are the main forces of the revolution and will defend our revolution and foil any plots beyond doubt.

22 Sep Commentaries

TA222234 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 22 September carried two commentaries.

The first commentary was entitled: "We Should Unite Against the Visible and Invisible Plots of Elements of U.S. Imperialism." It said: Along with strengthening counter-revolutionary activities among the remnants of the former regime and political opportunists, wild U.S. imperialism is trying to create a chaotic and unstable situation and military clashes inside the country and in the border regions. The aim of the U.S. planners is not only to (?destroy) our Islamic Republic, and abolish the gains of the Iranian revolution, but also to crush any anti-imperialist and anti-American movement in the region.

U.S. imperialism benefits not only from the aid of its subserviant elements such as As-Sadat, the Saudis or Ziaul Haq, but also from the support of opportunists and shortsighted politicians. Disputes among liberated nations and peoples or nations struggling for liberation have always been to the detriment of those nations and to the benefit of imperialism. That is why no progressive force can agree with war or military clashes. But when there is a question of independence and sovereignty of liberated nations and the problem of defending revolutionary gains and thwarting overt and covert plots of bloodthirsty U.S. imperialism and its visible and invisible elements, waging an unrelenting war is the human and holy duty of every Iranian.

The national and progressive forces or our homeland, while delivering repeated warnings, have pointed out that world-devouring U.S. imperialism and British neo-colonialism might resort to landing military forces, creating border clashes, or even (?separating) a province and establishing a so-called temporary government as a base for further aggressions.

We are now observing the reality that on the one hand U.S. imperialism, by creating military bases in Egypt, Oman, Somalia and Kenya, by transferring its main striking forces and by concentrating its vast naval force in the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean, is preparing for overt military aggression. On the other hand, U.S. imperialism has put its visible and invisible elements into action so that, by creating disputes, chaos and military clashes here and there, and even on our land and sea borders it can fulfil its imperialist plans.

The recent events in our country place an important responsibility upon all the vigilant people of Iran, all the true forces of the revolution. In order to thwart the wild plots of U.S. world-devouring imperialism the unity of action and speech of all true forces of the revolution is a vital concern.

The second commentary was entitled: "Our Farmers Are Waiting for Water and Land." It said: Big landowners are still creating a barrier to agricultural progress in our liberated nation. These feudalist landowners, from the first moments of the victory of the revolution, have risen in hostility against the regime of the Islamic Republic and have inflicted big blows on the revolution and its gains.

Iran has inherited a bankrupt agriculture from the former regime. These landowners have always tried to hinder Iran's agriculture and have prevented the improvement of the living conditions of the farmers. In regions where the farmers of our liberated country enjoy the aid of the people who engage in the constructive struggle and of the revolution guards, these toilers have risen against the feudalist landowners and have greatly improved agriculture. Whereas, in regions where the big landowners are still masters, not only can no progress in agriculture be observed, but on the contrary, these enemies of the revolution do not stop harassing the farmers, in order to create hopelessness and distrust among them.

There is not the slightest doubt that given water and land and agricultural machinery, the toiling farmers would be able to transform the situation in agriculture and animal husbandry. Any delay in this is detrimental to the revolution and to the benefit of the counterrevolution. Millions of Iranian toiling farmers expect Mr Raja'i's government to solve the problem of land to the advantage of these farmers.

23 Sep Commentaries

TA232040 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 23 September carried two commentaries:

The first commentary was entitled: "The Principle Enemy is U.S. World-Devouring Imperialism." It said: Millions of our compatriots, especiably our toiling and combatant youths engaged in a big march all over the country, answering the call of the leaders of the revolution and especially Ayatollah Montazeri. This glorious march reflects the decisiveness of the Iranian nation in continuing the struggle against U.S. world-devouring imperialism, all its internal and foreign elements, and its struggle against the foreign aggressive forces and U.S. imperialism's visible and invisible servants, which threaten our revolution and its gains.

The great imam in his speech has justly pointed out that U.S. world-devouring imperialism has not stopped her plots against the Iranian nation, and the military aggression against our country was in reality a part of her plans. According to reports U.S. warships centered near the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf are nearing our coasts and the battlefield. "In a communique from the Islamic Republic's general staff, even if (ambiguously), it is pointed out that a certain number of foreign military units in the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf have created the possibility of indirect intervention to the advantage of the enemy. All this confirms the reality that U.S. imperialism and its allies have started practical work to carry out a plan prepared a long time ago."

Meanwhile counterrevolution inside the country is operating on two fronts. A group of former regime elements, big landowners, Savakists and liberals and their mercenaries on the extreme right and left are trying to create disorder and arouse anxiety among the people. This group will report to any crime to re-establish the former regime. The other group is composed of those influenced by the antirevolutionary propaganda. When all the leaders of the revolution justly consider aggression and plots against our country as being direct provocations and an overt U.S. plot, these people still do not desist from creating discord.

According to all our realistic leaders, U.S. imperialism is hatching a big plot against the revolution and its gains. The elements of this wild imperialism, whether inside Iran or abroad, are resorting to vast destructive activities against our homeland. This second group, intentionally or unintentionally, in order to mislead public opinion, is once again speaking about the intervention of the superpowers and international communism in the recent events in our country. This not only causes public opinion to be distracted from the real danger, U.S. imperialism and its hirelings, but isolates our homeland in the international arena and in the family of countries who always defend the Islamic Republic of Iran against the threats and aggressions of U.S. imperialism.

During these dangerous moments, out of opportunism and shortsightedness, these elements try to distract public opinion from the U.S. imperialist danger. Our homeland is in need of unity of speech and action of all the true forces of the revolution to thwart the plots of the enemies of the revolution.

The second commentary was entitled: "The Naked Feature of Mr Qotbzadeh." One of the characteristics of the great Iranian revolution is that people and elements who use all means to pass for alleged revolutionaries cannot maintain their lie for a long time. An example is Mr Qotbzadeh, who after the victory of the revolution, wanted to impose himself on the Iranian nation as one of the leaders of the Iranian revolution. But the alert nation of our homeland, which has become familiar with the thoughts and actions of this gentleman, has shown that in post-revolutionary Iran there can be no place for such opportunists in sensitive government posts. Qotbzadeh should have been dismissed during the first days after the presidential elections, but this did not happen.

If we briefly review Mr Qotbzadeh's report card during the period he was foreign minister, we can observe that all his efforts were directed toward creating discord between Iran and its neighbors and isolating Iran in the international arena. Many articles have been published in the world papers revealing Mr Qotbzadeh.

If we review all the articles of foreign papers on Mr Qotbzadeh, we are able to see that during the whole of the post-revolutionary period all the adventurist activities of Qotbzadeh were to the detriment of the revolution and to the advantage of his Western masters and above all to the benefit of U.S. imperialism. These are facts that must be taken into consideration. The people are aware of the truth regarding Qotbzadeh and justly demanded that such elements not exist among the leaders.